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A new proposal to reform the NMI Retirement Fund modifies or ends what lawmakers call certain "generous" benefits other than the regular retirement annuity, including those involving cost-of-living allowance, annuities of members' children and spouses, and independent government contractors.

These are in addition to the proposed 25-percent deferment or temporary cut in retirees' pension under the tentatively approved settlement agreement in the Betty Johnson lawsuit.

For example, COLA increases only if the Retirement Fund is "50 percent or more funded as actuarially determined by the board."

The proposal also ends payments to certain former Fund board of trustees' members who have not contributed to the Fund.

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Flurry of government projects

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Investors and the general public should expect a flurry of economic activities as the government has started bidding out major projects or portions of them—from seeking out an underwriter for an up-to-$300-million pension obligation bond to a feasibility study contractor for a Saipan-Tinian route ferry service and a contractor for a permanent Saipan public market at

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The Historic Preservation Office Review Board has concurred with the governor's position on the U.S. military's divert airfield project, saying the proposed Air Force's divert airfield should be developed on Tinian rather than on Saipan.

The HPO review board made this decision during Friday's special meeting, where which it was also disclosed that since the beginning of the project, the U.S. military has

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING

Siblings Julia Rullocke, 8, and Royles Jabez, 9, shop with their dad Reymond Casuncad for school supplies on Saturday afternoon at National Office Supply along Beach Road in preparation for the Public School System's Sept. 3 opening of classes for school year 2013-2014. The Casuncad children, enrolled at William S. Reyes Elementary School, are among the estimated over 10,000 new and returning public school students in the CNMI.

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HANMI says occupancy rate at 83 pct. in July

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported Friday an 83.47 percent occupancy rate among its 12 member hotels for July 2013—an 18-percent increase compared to July 2012.

A total of 62,178 of 74,493 available room nights sold in July 2013, compared to 46,853 of 74,462 of available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were $120.06 during the month, compared to $107.74 last July.

"At this time the hotel industry is experiencing an upswing in occupancy, which translates to more benefits to the community through revenue generation for the government and more jobs for local workers," said HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa. "We encourage everyone to continue to support the visitor industry by making our islands beautiful, safe, and memorable for our visitors."

So far this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average 84.04 percent, 11 percent higher than last year. The number is just over a healthy industry indicator average of 80 percent occupancy.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the NMI. ***(HANMI)***

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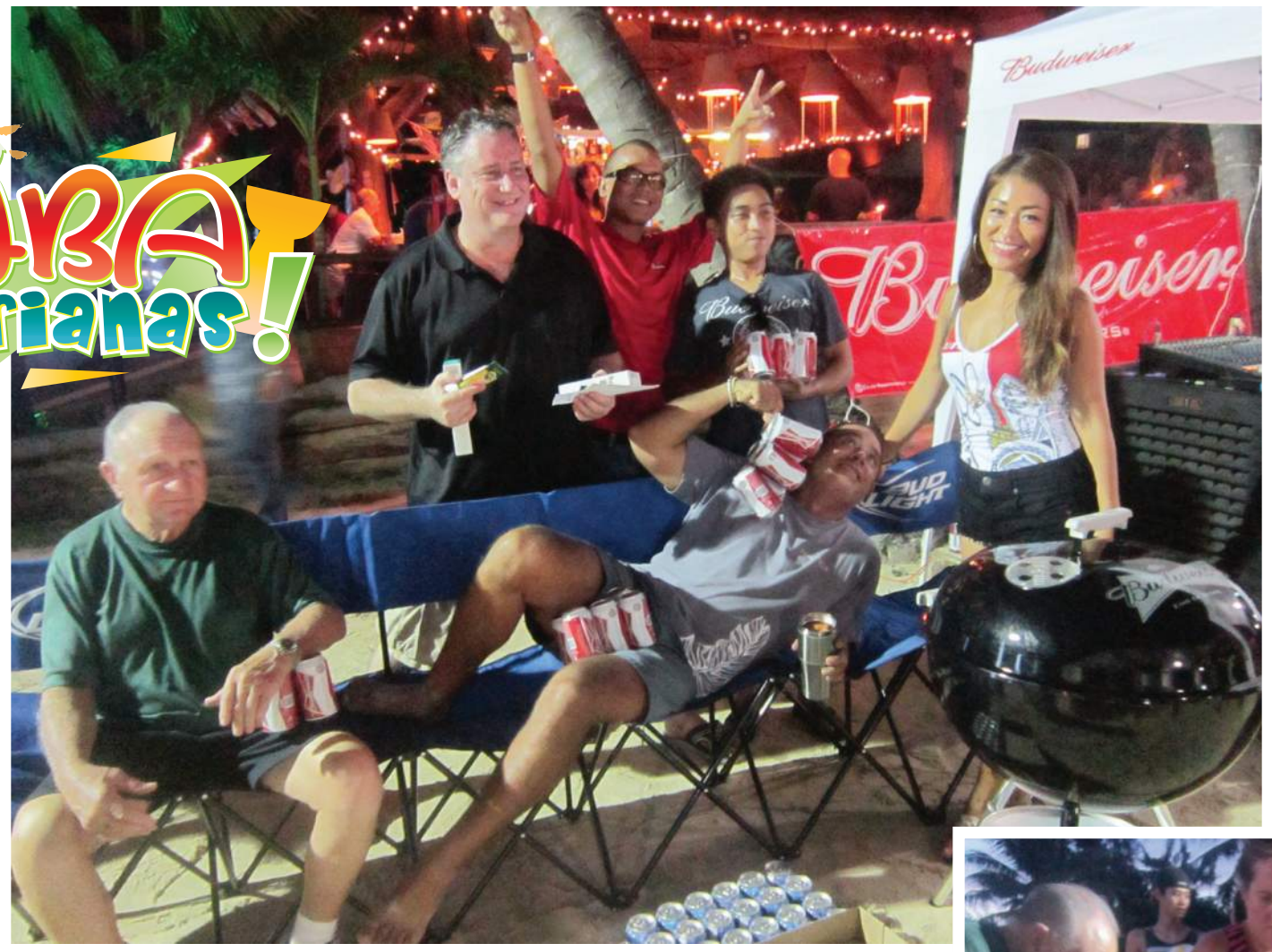

MARK RABAGO

They Must Be Giants' Mark Hansen, Ron Barrineau, and Frank Morriz pose with their winnings after topping the 2013 Budweiser King of the Grill competition last Saturday at the Godfather's Beach House.

BUDWEISER KING OF THE GRILL

They Must Be Giants dwarfs competition

Armed with tenderizers and all sorts of spices while lugging their own grills to the competition site at the Godfather's Beach House, eight teams took part in the 2013 Budweiser King of the Grill competition last Saturday.

When the barbecue smoke of battle cleared after 45 minutes, only one winner emerged as the champions of the charcoal, with They Must Be Giants living up to its name.

The trio of Mark Hansen, Ron Barrineau, and Frank Morriz did so by showing to all and sundry that they were the masters of the marinade with their gastronomic creation that included barbecue ribs and steak, coleslaw, devilled eggs, garlic potatoes, and edamame in basil reduction.

"We knew we were going to win because we had a strategy in grilling ribs and steak in under 45 minutes and that's using a pressure cooker," said Barrineau.

He said their cooking is influenced by the Carolinas' way of barbecuing since he comes from the South.

The victory was worth $300 for Barrineau and company. They also took home a Weber grill, three cases of Budweiser beer, a Bench-in-a-Bag, and gift certificates from Fiesta Resort & Spa and Brabu Pharmacy.

Team KKMP, made up of Gary Sword, Rosemond Santos, and Scott Toomata, came second with their barbecue ribs and steak and homemade potatoes.

The peppery and smoky concoction gave them $200 extra in their pockets courtesy of event sponsor, *Marianas Variety.* Team KKMP also won the Best Presentation award and received another $200 from Alpex-Kikoman. They also got two cases of Budweiser beer and a Weber grill.

Grillz Gone Wild!!! took third place with their "Simple, Local, Tasty" barbecue that the team boasted was made 100 percent from local homemade ingredients.

Eric Atalig, Ed Diaz, Jeremy Sasomoto, Don "COD" Castro, and Bill Santos wound up $100 richer after the grilling competition. They also received a case of Budweiser beer.

The six other teams that took part in the 2013 Budweiser King of the Grill were The Grill Deal, Bosom Buddies, NMPASI Posse, Team Broncos, and Team Kiyu.

The cook-off judges were Fiesta Resort's Nestor Duazo, Alpex-Kikoman's Angie Toto, and MARPAC sales and marketing manager James Lee.

Mechanics of the competition were simple. The eight teams were given two cuts of meat—sirloin and ribs from Joeten Shopping Center—and were allowed to use only charcoal or wood to grill and were pretty much left on their own, which included making side dishes to spice up their creations.

Prior to the announcement of winners, all eight teams were given Budweiser packages made of caps and towels as well as Kikoman gift baskets.

Proceeds from the 2013 Budweiser King of the Grill will go to the Autism Society of the CNMI. Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Saipan Apparel, *Marianas Variety*, Coca-Cola, Kikoman, and Joeten Enterpises, Inc sponsored the contest.

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Ron Barrineau makes the finishing touches to their championship dish.

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Qualified applicants for HPO's top 3 posts remain elusive

The Historic Preservation Office remains without a permanent director, an archeologist, and a historian—three top positions that the agency said are "hard to fill."

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Laura T. Ogumoro, who also serves as the Historic Preservation Officer, disclosed this to *Saipan Tribune* on Friday, adding that all efforts to hire these needed individuals have failed.

HPO has had no permanent director since 2011. Ogumoro said that despite post announcements, they were not able to find a qualified candidate. The salary of the HPO director is sourced from the local budget, unlike the two other vacancies.

"It's very difficult to get an archeologist and a historian, but ultimately, we are going to get those people, including the permanent HPO director. Because this has been a challenge for us, we're looking at getting someone on contract which is more realistic I think," she told *Saipan Tribune.*

The posts of archeologist and historian are required by the National Parks and Services, which funds the agency, for $362,000 this fiscal year.

"What we're looking at is providing them a contract depending on the duration of the project. That, for me, would be most reasonable and cost effective," added Ogumoro.

According to Mertie Kani, acting HPO director, the federal agency has been notified about the hiring difficulty for the two positions and has given the CNMI consideration in the matter. She said the announcement for the position will continue until it is filled.

The HPO review board also adopted Friday the re-announcement of the executive director position until filled.

Kani revealed that some individuals who applied for the posts were found unqualified. She described the positions as having unique and specific requirements such as a certification from NPS for archeologist.

When asked how the vacancies are impacting HPO operations, which deals with preservation of historic sites, Kani said the agency is tapping the assistance of board director Dr. Hiro Kurashina, a certified archeologist himself, on specific projects.

Kani said that HPO has currently nine staffers, including a coordinator; a specialist; two technician II; one technician I; one archeological technician; and one trainee.

The agency received federal grants from NPS amounting to $362,000 this fiscal year and about $132,000 from local appropriation for its personnel and operation.

Local

Dora's remains now to be cremated

In order to scatter her ashes on Saipan in the future, Dora Grace Ada Camacho's remains will be cremated following her funeral service next week, according to her mother, Jennifer C. Ada.

Ada, in a Facebook message to *Saipan Tribune*, said her family would no longer be burying Dora, as she was fondly called, in San Diego, Calif., where she died early Wednesday morning.

"She will not be buried. She will be cremated so I can keep her ashes until I am ready to spread her ashes somewhere on Saipan. I will be doing that when the time is right."

Ada said Dora's memorial services would be held on Sept. 3, 2pm (San Diego time) at Rady's Children's Hospital at her favorite place, the Friendship Garden.

She and her surviving family, which includes Dora's brother Devin Sean A. Camacho and sisters Geraldine Jennifer A. Sablan and Clarissa Claire A. Sablan, will be staying in San Diego for now.

Ada also told *Saipan Tribune* that Dora ultimately succumbed to the same brain tumor that afflicted her when she was just a year old.

"[It was] brain tumor on her brain, the one that she had when she was 1. It grew back," she said.

Ada also posted a thank you message to family and friends on Facebook.

"First of all, Dora Grace Ada Camacho's family especially myself wanted to thank everybody for all the love and support including all the donation that was given out to Dora's funeral expenses. My family and I couldn't have done this without all of you, including uncles, aunties, cousins, grandpa, and especially Joe [Gayatao], who has been a father-figure toward Dora."

She said that while it has been very difficult to bear Dora's loss, she is at least consoled by the idea that her daughter is no longer suffering.

"We all know that she is in a better place. Thank you all for all the encouragement and advice you all have given me during these difficult times that I am going through. She has opened so many hearts and inspired so many people. She changed so many lives, I am so proud of her and I am so lucky to have a daughter like her. I am so blessed to have her in my life. I love her and I will always love her. She will always remain in our hearts."

Those wishing to donate to Dora's funeral expenses can click on www.gofundme.com/18n2a0. The site was originally set up to raise funds to reunite Dora with her siblings. So far, $1,060 has been raised. Ada earlier said she needs $4,000 for Dora's funeral expenses. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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In 2008, the **National Gambling Impact Study Commission** reported to US Congress that:

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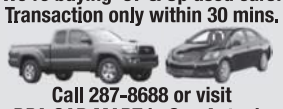
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DPS staff admits lying that her husband beat her up

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An employee of the Department of Public Safety has admitted that she lied to police when she accused her husband, Sgt. Elden Dela Cruz, then officer-in charge of DPS Internal Affairs Office, of beating her up. She said she did it after finding out that he had been cheating on her with a younger police officer.

In her declaration, administrative officer Rose Dela Cruz, 45, said that her statement to police that her husband pushed and elbowed her was untrue.

"My husband never raised his voice to me and was only trying to stop me from hitting him," said Rose Dela Cruz in her declaration executed on June 19, 2013.

Rose Dela Cruz's affidavit was attached to Sgt. Dela Cruz's motion to dismiss the case filed Friday in Superior Court.

Attorney Janet H. King, counsel for Sgt. Dela Cruz, pointed out that Rose Dela Cruz's declaration essentially states that the prior statements she made to law enforcers were untrue, and that she was actually the perpetrator.

"Put simply, the Commonwealth cannot and will not meet its burden in this case and, therefore a motion to dismiss for insufficiency of the evidence is warranted," King said.

Sgt. Dela Cruz has been charged with assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

The lawyer said the sworn statement disproves and counters the essential elements of the two offenses and that on the contrary, the essential elements of the crimes as charged are actually applicable to Rose Dela Cruz.

King said Rose Dela Cruz was in fact the aggressor in this case because of jealousy and anger.

In her declaration, Rose Dela Cruz disclosed that she already gave statements to the Office of the Attorney General and DPS, admitting that she lied in her interview with police officers on June 7, 2013.

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Garapan Fishing Base.

"This administration is focused on getting major projects underway as well as availing of any and all available funding sources that stand to benefit the economy and the people of the Commonwealth," press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday.

Tourism arrivals have been steadily increasing, with July numbers alone jumping by 21 percent compared to the same period last year. However, uncertainty whether CNMI businesses will still have access to some 12,000 foreign workers remains, as the U.S. Labor secretary has yet to decide whether to extend the transitional CW program beyond Dec. 31, 2014.

The Department of Public Works, for example, have already issued a request for proposals for a Saipan-Tinian route ferry service feasibility study.

The government seeks out qualified firms to examine and prepare an economic feasibility of establishing and developing a publicly owned and privately operated auto-passenger ferry service between Saipan and Tinian.

The project funding limit authorized by the Federal Highway Administration is $170,000 unless the CNMI government has identified additional funding. Bids should be submitted by Sept. 20.

This comes shortly after the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority awarded a contract to Ontario, Canada-based Transit Consulting Network to do a feasibility study on operating fixed-flex route and paratransit systems in the CNMI.

Transit Consulting Network officials made a presentation to lawmakers on Friday.

"We are looking forward to this feasibility study," said House Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee chair Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

The study objective is to determine whether—under what conditions and at what cost—public transportation can be introduced, operated, and sustained on Saipan and, eventually, on Rota and Tinian.

The administration, again through DPW, also released an invitation for bids for the repair and renovation of a proposed Garapan public market.

Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold Palacios said earlier that the total project cost could reach $2 million.

Through the Commonwealth Development Authority, the government has also issued an RFP for qualified firms interested in serving as underwriter for a pension obligation bond.

This comes weeks after the governor signed into law an up-to-$300-million pension obligation bond, to fund the government's over $320 million debt with the NMI Retirement Fund.

DPW Secretary Martin Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* that that Cross Island Road Phase II-B (Isa Drive) project has started after being snagged by procurement protest and appeal.

Sablan said DPW will also be holding a groundbreaking ceremony for the Beach Road/Tun Segundo traffic signal system in Chalan Kanoa this week.

The government, through the Department of Public Lands, also received proposals from on-island and off-island investors willing to develop new hotels on three public lands in Marpi and San Antonio.

The governor said development of new hotels will address ongoing room shortage buoyed by increase in tourist arrivals at a time when hundreds of previously available hotel rooms are no longer available.

Government-initiated projects have also been complemented by private sector construction projects such as the ones in the tourist district of Garapan.

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ment Fund so that it would still be there for years to come, and while a settlement is still ongoing. The Fund exists for those who are contributing members. We should remove the excess fat from the system," House Special Committee on Retirement Fund chair Rep. Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* on Friday.

Retirement benefits of retirees retained as independent contractors for the government and are using government offices and other resources would be suspended during their contract term.

"Those retirees who are supposed to be independent contractors and are supposed to have their own offices or use their own resources but are instead using government offices from morning to afternoon and using government office supplies are circumventing the anti-double dipping law in my view," Taitano added.

The proposal also redefines the term "child" for the purposes of receiving Fund benefits to mean "unmarried child who is recognized natural or biological child of the deceased member and must be living with and supported by the deceased member. Such child must be less than 18 years of age."

Taitano's House Bill 18-119, co-sponsored by four other lawmakers, also reinstates the Fund board of trustees.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment yesterday, said, "There are already enough members to constitute a quorum, but they have yet to be duly organized due to the court's appointment of a trustee *ad litem* and the pending final approval of the settlement."

Demapan also said the administration would like to see the bill first.

Taitano said the bill ensures that all governor's appointees shall either be active or retired Fund members.

Effective Jan. 1, 2015, special retirement and annuity shall no longer be available to new governors and lieutenant governors, the bill states.

It says any former governor or former lieutenant governor who is entitled to receive a service retirement annuity shall elect to receive either the service retirement annuity or the special retirement annuity.

Taitano's proposal also says any former governor who was also a former lieutenant governor or vice versa shall be entitled to receive the higher of the two special annuity amount, "but not both."

It also says the service retirement or the special retirement annuity of any former governor or former lieutenant governor who is reelected to public office or reemployed by the government ceases during such term of office or reemployment.

No surviving spouse or children's benefits are allowed under the special retirement annuity upon the death of the recipient, the bill says.

Demapan said as the administration understands it, "there is already no governor and lieutenant governor's retirement annuity beyond those of former governor [Juan] Babauta and former lieutenant governor [Diego] Benavente."

"This special annuity has always been administered by Finance," he said.

The bill also stops the assessment of interest of penalty on the amount of judgment that the Superior Court has set on the delinquent or deficient employer's contributions.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), and Reps. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) and Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) co-sponsored the bill, up for formal introduction this week.

"Let's face it. The Retirement Fund is broke. Why do we need to continue giving out generous benefits? Why don't we stop these other benefits so that there would still be enough for everyone for a longer period of time?" Taitano said, referring to benefits received by surviving spouses and children of Fund members long before the members' death, among other things.

Lawmakers said the Fund is "so generous" in its payments of retirement benefits, ultimately leading to the pension agency's demise.

"As the bill says, it is incumbent upon lawmakers to amend or repeal certain provisions of the Retirement Act to save or prolong the Fund. Certain provisions have also been wrongfully interpreted by the Fund and need clarification in their applications," Taitano said.

The bill also redefines the term "member" to mean a class I member and class II member.

It says a member who retires or ends employment remains a member so long as he or she retains a right to any benefits from the Fund.

The bill also says effective Jan. 1, 2014, upon complete separation from service or while still in service, any active or inactive vested member—or those who have 10 or more years of membership service—shall no longer be allowed to refund his or her contributions from the Fund.

HB 18-119 is in addition to bills still pending at the Legislature that seek to generate new revenues to fund the pension agency such as legalizing casino gaming on Saipan and allowing electronic gaming at hotels.

One other recent bill, HB 18-118 by floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), seeks to increase the cigarette tax from $2 to $4 a pack. The bill seeks to generate revenues to fund the CNMI government's share of the Group Health and Life Insurance benefits, estimated at $7 million to $9 million, in fiscal year 2014.

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already identified Saipan to be the site of its new airfield in the Western Pacific.

Saipan Tribune learned that Gov. Eloy S. Inos wrote the HPO board on Friday, Aug. 23, asking for the board's concurrence with his decision to push for Tinian.

According to Inos, if the project pushed through on Saipan, it will have adverse impacts on the As Lito-Isley Field location, which is listed as a National Historic Landmark. The proposed project on Saipan will also put restrictions on the possibility of any future development or expansion at the Francisco C. Ada International Airport. Air Force training exercises will also have potential severe and negative impact on the people in southern villages and schools on Saipan, Inos said.

He pointed out that because the military already controls two-thirds of Tinian by long-term lease, the divert airfield project is best recommended for Tinian.

Don Farrell, the Tinian representative on the HPO board, described the potential economic impact of putting the project on Tinian as "very significant" compared to its economic impact on Saipan, which he believes will be "negligible."

"We [the people of Tinian] already gave up [two-thirds of the] land to the military but we got nothing in return. By putting the divert airfield project on Tinian, at least they will build airport facilities for us that we don't have to pay so there's a significant economic impact to our people," said Farrell.

He also believes that the project will not adversely impact historical sites on Tinian.

According to Carmen A. Sanchez, HPO coordinator for Tinian, the only potential site that could be affected will be the "House of Taga" but this could be prevented by re-routing the military's heavy equipment.

In drafting the board's concurrence letter, Wesley Bogdan, legal counsel for HPO, asked for some board clarification on the project and about the memorandum of agreement that is being circulated between and among agencies and interested parties.

"What's the status of this MOA and who wrote it?" he asked Friday.

According to HPO board director, Dr. Hiro Kurashina, the U.S. Air Force earlier conducted an environmental impact assessment for the divert base project. This massive report, he said, was presented for public comments and has been the subject of a series of teleconferences and meetings between and among parties, including federal executives in Washington, D.C.

"The draft MOA was pretty much finalized in November last year and began January of this year," he said, pointing out that military higher-ups have yet to make a final decision on where the project will be located.

Based on his review, Bogdan said: "With respect to the MOA drafted and being circulated, it has already chosen Saipan as the destination and there is no consideration of a Tinian alternative included on that."

'Protected by Covenant'

According to Farrell, the final decision—whether on Tinian or Saipan—lies entirely with the U.S. Department of Defense secretary. However, he said that once a decision is made to have the project on Saipan—despite disagreement from the governor and CNMI people—the Covenant can protect the Commonwealth.

"I participated in the early dialogue and I can say they ignored the end game, which is the Covenant. They wanted Saipan from the beginning and they provided some justifications, including that establishing this on Saipan would be less costly than on Tinian under today's condition," said Farrell.

He pointed out that Section 8 of the Covenant is clear that if DOD wants to acquire what they don't have in addition to Tinian lands, then they have to go to U.S. Congress to make that happen.

"So even if the governor and us say 'no' they can go to Congress through the process. They want the project on Saipan and they want a purchase, not a lease of the property. Purchase is outside of the Covenant except for imminent domain that is outlined in the same [section 8]. The end game is U.S. Congress and we have the Covenant to protect us," said Farrell.

He revealed that if project pushes through on Saipan, "they're going to lease all remaining lands at Isley field in Francisco Ada Airport for 50 years and just like Tinian, the CNMI cannot use that land and will be reserved for military use."

Farrell also cited as a clear example why the military's rifle range project for Tinian did not push through despite the presence of a "programmatic agreement" with the military.

"It just didn't happen…because it was sort of piecemeal," he said.

One instructor terminated, 2 others resign from NMC

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The number of instructors at the Northern Marianas College continues to go down following the termination of one and the resignations of two others.

The college terminated the employment contract of faculty member Wil Maui last week for reportedly failing to follow the new course schedule given him and for alleged insubordination.

Maui confirmed his suspension/termination notice with *Saipan Tribune*. The notice was issued on Aug. 20. He has five working days to appeal the decision.

Maui allegedly refused to teach the remedial math classes that he was assigned to teach. He believes, however, that the college violated its contract with him.

Saipan Tribune learned that two other full time instructors—Romeo Cuellar and Hervin Jacinto— recently left the college. Cuellar's contract was not renewed while Jacinto quit the post. Cuellar was counselor for Disabilities Support Services while Jacinto was a nursing instructor.

On Aug. 7, the Board of Regents adopted a new policy mandating a minimum qualification for faculty members. It was learned that one of those affected was Maui, who was found unqualified to teach computer courses. Besides Maui, eight other members were affected by the new policy.

NMC records indicate that Maui holds a master's degree in Agricultural Economics with 7 graduate credits in computer science and a bachelor's degree in Economics with a total of 13 credits in computer science. NMC said the new policy prevents him from teaching computer courses for academic credits.

Saipan Tribune learned that NMC had revised the teaching assignments for Maui. He reportedly refused to follow the new assignment, citing disagreement with the language of the policy and for violating his employment contract with the institution.

Saipan Tribune learned that it was business department chair Chavel Green who endorsed Maui's termination.

Prior to the adoption of the new policy, NMC faculty was at 27.

Media questions since last week about the number of vacant faculty positions and newly hired instructors at the college remain unanswered.

The college has postponed the start of many classes to Sept. 15 as there is not enough number of instructors to teach all course offerings.

COUNSEL SEEKS COURT APPOINTMENTS FOR CRISOSTOMO

Expert witnesses sought on DNA analysis and cell phone forensics

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REPORTER

Attorney Janet H. King has asked the Superior Court to appoint an expert in forensic DNA analysis and another in cell phone forensics to help her defend her client, Joseph A. Crisostomo, who is facing charges for the kidnapping and murder of bartender Emerita Romero.

King asked the court to appoint as expert witnesses for the defense Dr. David Haymer, a professor of genetics in the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Manfred Schenk of Cherry Biometrics Inc. and Schenk Consultants in Virginia.

King said that Dr. Haymer agrees for compensation at a rate of $150 per hour, and a maximum compensation of $2,000, while Schenk also agrees to a maximum compensation of $2,000.

The lawyer said she will make further applications for payment of additional fees, and, if necessary, transportation costs and lodging expenses if required.

King said an expert in the field of forensic DNA analysis is necessary to aid the defense in order to fully evaluate the DNA evidence and claims of the government's own DNA expert witnesses.

"In a first degree murder prosecution, especially in which DNA evidence will be a significant factor in the presentation of the evidence at trial, without the requested expert assistance, the defendant's defense would be gutted, resulting in prejudice," she said.

King said an expert in the field of cell phone forensics is also necessary to assist the defense in order to fully evaluate the evidence and claims of the government's own witnesses.

King said the government claims that cell phone tower evidence will show Crisostomo's general location based on his use of a cell phone and on the assumption that a cell phone connects to the closest cell tower when it is used.

The court in April 2013 approved King's request to appoint two Guam lawyers as her co-counsel for Crisostomo, a habitual offender.

Police arrested the 39-year-old Crisostomo on Feb. 22, 2013, for the killing of Romero, whose body was found at the former La Fiesta Mall in San Roque on Feb. 7, 2012. He has also been linked to other unsolved murders of some Chinese women.

The defendant's jury trial will be on Oct. 7, 2013.

More ETC donations, fundraisers are encouraged for public schools

In anticipation of continuing financial hardships, public schools are being encouraged to increase their education tax credit donations and do more fundraisers to help address the immediate needs of students come this new school year.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., made this known to school principals, emphasizing the critical need of the Public School System to meet the growing needs of students on three islands.

Sablan described both the education tax credit and fundraising monies as "non-appropriated" funds that could be used to address student needs and immediate repairs on campus.

"We have to think outside of the box now. I encourage everyone of you to increase your school's ETC and fundraising activities because these non-appropriated funds would be a big help to our students. We also need to explore more federal grants for our schools," Sablan told participants of the leadership workshop held at Pacific Islands Club Wednesday.

PSS had stopped school-organized fundraisers in 2011 after it gave the full authority to the Parents-Teachers-School Associations to spearhead all fundraising campaigns—designed for specific and PSS-approved projects only. With this decision, many small-type fundraisers organized by students and clubs ceased.

The situation changed last year after many school clubs and students' groups were allowed to hold fundraisers to be used for specific purposes such as competitions and projects.

Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Band, through a series of fundraisers, was able to participate in the London Olympics, for example.

In past years, PSS recorded approximately about $100,000 in total educational tax credit for all its schools. (M***oneth G. Deposa)***

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Judge denies new trial for convicted ex-CUC board chair

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has denied former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair Francisco Q. Guerrero's motion to acquit him or to hold a new trial on 11 charges related to allegations that he sexually abused a female minor. Guerrero has already been convicted in the case.

In an order Wednesday, Wiseman found Guerrero's motion untimely.

"The court finds no basis to deviate from the rules regarding timeliness of filing of motions, and there has been no request for the court to do so," Wiseman said.

Last July 10, the jury acquitted the 63-year-old Guerrero of two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree. Wiseman, however, found the defendant guilty of 11 charges—three counts of assault and battery, five counts of disturbing the peace, two counts of indecent exposure in the second degree, and sexual abuse of a minor in the fourth degree.

Guerrero's sentencing will be on Sept. 11, 2013, at 9am.

Guerrero, through counsel Brien Sers Nicholas, filed his motion for judgment of acquittal or a new trial on July 22.

The government, through assistant attorney general Margo Brown, opposed the motion. Brown argued that motions for acquittal are inapplicable to bench trials.

Nicholas then asked the court to consider Guerrero's motion for acquittal or a new trial as a motion for reconsideration.

In denying the motion, Wiseman pointed out that Guerrero had seven days after the jury was discharged to file a motion for judgment of acquittal and also seven days to file a motion for a new trial.

Wiseman said the jury was discharged on July 10, and he entered his finding of guilty on the bench counts that same day.

"Defendant's motion is therefore untimely," the judge ruled.

Police said that Guerrero first sexually abused the girl when she was in ninth grade, when she was 14 years old, followed by four other incidents. The last incident allegedly happened at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi on May 25, 2012, when the defendant fondled himself and touched the girl's privates.

Webinar on paying the USCIS Immigrant Fee

Customers who receive an immigrant visa packet at an overseas U.S. Embassy or Consulate must pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee in order to receive a Permanent Resident Card (commonly referred to as a green card) in the United States.

On May 19, 2013, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services incorporated the payment process for the USCIS Immigrant Fee into USCIS ELIS, the USCIS Electronic Immigration System.

Payment of the USCIS Immigrant fee in USCIS ELIS simplifies and centralizes the payment process and provides customers with up-to-date and detailed processing status information.

USCIS will host a series of webinars to inform customers how to pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee in USCIS ELIS and to answer questions about the system:

- Aug. 27: 9:30am to 10:30am EDT
- Aug. 27: 3pm to 4pm EDT
- Aug. 28: 3pm to 4pm EDT

The webinars are open to the public, but each webinar is limited to the first 125 registrants. If you wish to attend, email the Public Engagement Division at Public.Engagement@uscis.dhs.gov by today, Aug. 26. Please reference one of the following subject lines:

- "USCIS ELIS August 27 – morning" if you plan to attend the first session,
- "USCIS ELIS August 27– afternoon" if you plan to attend the second session, or
- "USCIS ELIS August 28– afternoon" if you plan to attend the third session.

Include your full name and the organization you represent in the body of the email. Following your registration, we will provide an email confirmation with additional details about how to participate in the webinar you selected. ***(USCIS)***

Ex-convict nabbed for alleged possession of guns and bullets

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REPORTER

Federal agents arrested Friday in Dandan an ex-convict who had served prison time for manslaughter in Guam, this time for alleged possession of two guns and 27 bullets on Saipan.

Jesus Sablan Palacios was served with an arrest warrant issued by U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona after an indictment was filed in court on Thursday.

The indictment charged the 52-year-old Palacios with three counts of felon in possession of firearm and/or ammunition, and three counts of unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of firearm and/or ammunition.

The case was unsealed during Palacios' hearing Friday afternoon.

According to the indictment, Palacios was found in possession of a Ruger model 10/22 .38 caliber rifle and one .22 caliber rifle with is barrel and stock sawed off (serial number removed) on April 11, 2013. He was also found with 27 assorted bullets.

Police arrested Palacios in April 2013 for allegedly beating up his wife in front of their child and pointing a gun at her head. The 4-year-old boy told police that he witnessed the beating of his mother and that he also saw his father smoking "ice."

Police said that Palacios was arrested in Guam in 1997 and charged with murder, manslaughter, and possession of a gun without an ID. The defendant pleaded guilty to manslaughter; the other charges were dismissed.

In 1996, Palacios was also arrested in Guam and he pleaded guilty to aggravated assault.

Back to School/Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Awareness Month

August 01 – 31, 2013

Family Safety Rules for Bicycle Riding

Follow these rules when you ride your bicycle:

- Always wear a bicycle helmet—every time you ride!
- Ride on the right, in the same direction as other vehicles. The bicycle is a vehicle. Bicyclists and drivers follow the same rules of the road!
- Ride a bicycle that fits you and has working parts.
- Always ride with at least one hand on the handlebars.
- Obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals.
- Be visible. Wear bright clothing and reflective materials during the day.
- If you have to ride at night, you must have white headlight in the front and red lights or reflectors on the back of your bike. Reflective material on your clothing, helmet, backpack, is helpful at dusk, dawn, in bad weather or at night.
- Always pay attention to traffic. Never use headphones or talk on cell phone while you bike.
- Avoid dangers in the road.

Follow these rules when driving around bicyclists:

- Obey all signs and signals.
- Bicyclists are allowed to ride on the roadway unless there is a sign that says no bicycles.
- Stop, wait, or pass bicycles as you would a car.

Bicyclists Make Safe Choices!

- **Bicycles in the roadway are considered vehicles.**
- **Bicyclists ages 10 and older should bicycle like a vehide, on the street, in the same direction as other traffic and follow the same rules.**
- **Sidewalks were designed for pedestrians. If you bicycle on the sidewalk:**
  - **Bicycle slowly and give pedestrians the right of way.**
  - **Don't bike into Grandma or baby brother in hisstroller.**
  - **Follow the rules for pedestrians.**
    - *Stop before crossing the street from a sidewalk to give motorists time to see you.*
    - *Make sure turning motorists see you by making eye contact.*
    - *Cross the road by walking your bicycle in the crosswalk just like a pedestrian.*

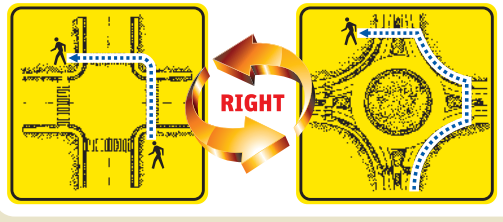
Getting to School Safely

By Walking — Crossing the Street

1. Walk to school with a group of kids and always have a responsible adult walk with you.
2. Always walk on the sidewalk if one is available.
3. If no sidewalk is available, walk facing the traffic.
4. The safest place to cross is at a street corner or intersection.
5. If you are 10 years old or younger, you need to cross the street with an adult. You should not cross by yourself. Ask an adult to tell you who can help you cross the street.
6. Before you step off the curb to cross the street, stop and look left-right-left to see if cars are coming. Do you know your left from your right? If you do, that is great! If you don't, here is a hint: when you hold your left hand up, your thumb and first finger will make the letter "L," and that stands for "left."
7. When no cars are coming, it is safe for you and an adult to cross. But look left-right-left as you do it, and hold the adult's hand.

By Riding Your Bicycle

1. The best and smartest bicycle riders always wear their bicycle helmets! They know that bicycle helmets will keep their heads and brains safe. Are you one of the best and smartest riders?
2. Ask an adult to make sure that your helmet fits correctly. The helmet should fit low on your forehead so that two fingers fit between it and your eyebrows. Another way to check is to put the helmet on your head and look up. If you can't see your helmet, it is too far back.
3. To ride safely, you need to know the rules of the road. Do you know what "the rules of the road" are for bicycles? If you don't, then you should not ride in traffic or without an adult.
4. When you ride your bicycle, wearing a helmet helps to keep you safe. You should also wear bright colors during the day, and right before the sun rises or sets. This makes it easier for drivers to see you, and that helps to keep you safe, too.
5. Riding at night can be dangerous. If you have to ride your bicycle at night, you should ride with an adult. You should also have a white light on the front of your bicycle and a red reflector on the back. You can also get lights and reflective materials to put on your shoes, helmet and clothing. When light hits this material at night, it glows and makes it easier for a driver to see you!
6. Practice makes you more skilled at riding your bicycle. The more skilled you are at riding, the less likely you will be to crash. Practice riding skills in an empty parking lot or a place with no traffic. Practice such things as riding in a straight line, looking over your shoulder, signaling with your hands, and starting and stopping.



Pedestrians Make Safe Choices!

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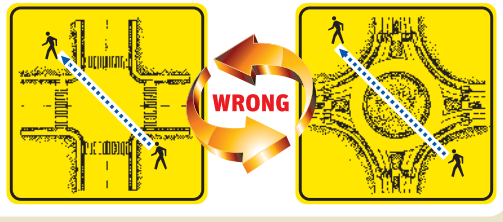

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Thirteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
   a. April 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
   b. May 10, 2013 Special Board Meeting
   c. August 08, 2013 Special Board Meeting

II. Public Comments[1]

III. Reports
1. Chair
2. Board Committees
   a. CIP
   b. FPA
   c. ISA
   d. LIA
   e. Student Issues, Community and Parent Programs (SICPP)
   f. Ad Hoc on Joint BOE-NMC BOR
3. Commissioner of Education
   a. Financial Status Reports
      i. Federal
      ii. Local
   b. Head Start Program Update
   c. Other matters

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business
1. Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) Nutrition Assistance Grant (NAG) for 2014
2. NGA Grant Application-Improving Student Learning Proposal (Ratification)
3. Corrective Action on Head Start Program Findings
4. Head Start Program SY 2012-13 Program Information Report (PIR)
5. Analysis of HB 18-98 HD6 FY 2014 Budget

VI. Executive Session[2]
1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel/Certification
3. Other matters

VII. Administrative Matters
1. Certification & Licensure Matters
   a. Endorsement of Certification & Licensure Office Recommendations
   a. Basic I
   b. Basic II
   c. Standard with Endorsement
   d. Standard without Endorsement (renewal)
   e. Professional

VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

IX. Adjournment

[1]Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Refaluwasch community members drum up support for Heinz

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Refaluwasch community members gathered yesterday at Garapan Fishing Base to pledge their support for former House speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider, one of possible gubernatorial candidates in the November 2014 elections.

Former Department of Public Safety commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro, one of the organizers, said over 100 voters from the Refaluwasch community have so far committed to supporting Hofschneider in the 2014 gubernatorial race and this was only as of yesterday.

"There will be more in the coming days," Ogumoro told reporters at the event.

Ogumoro said they plan to hold succeeding gatherings to continue to encourage others to support Hofschneider, who is running as an independent. He said yesterday's gathering was only an "initial" event, mostly for their family members and friends.

Besides Ogumoro, other event organizers were Felix Nogis and Henry K. Rabauliman.

Yesterday's gathering of Refaluwasch community members was joined by other staunch Hofschneider supporters including Ralph Reyes, owner of MV Reyes Catering Services, former Division of Environmental Quality director Ike Cabrera, and Becky Cruz.

"We're Heinz all the way," Cabrera said.

Hofschneider, however, was not able to show up at the Garapan Fishing Base gathering because of an "off island emergency in the family," Cabrera told reporters. His Refaluwasch supporters said they have yet to learn about Hofschneider's possible running mate.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos of the Covenant Party is also running for governor in 2014. Another possible candidate is Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan).

Members of the Refaluwasch community, along with friends and family, gather at Garapan Fishing Base yesterday to galvanize support for former speaker Heinz Hofschneider's gubernatorial candidacy in November 2014. Over 100 voters from the Refaluwasch community have so far pledged their support for Hofschneider in just two days, and hundreds more are expected to follow suit, according to organizers led by former Department of Public Safety commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro and Felix Nogis. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Firefighter, suspected pimp are indicted in federal court

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REPORTER

A federal grand jury indicted on Thursday firefighter Richard Sullivan Benavente and suspected pimp Annette Nakatsukasa Basa, both recently arrested for alleged exploitation and sex trafficking of two female minors.

The indictment charged the 43-year-old Benavente with two counts of sexual exploitation of a child and two counts of attempted sexual exploitation of a child.

The indictment also sought the forfeiture of Benavente's Samsung cellular phone and Samsung digital camera that he allegedly used to videotaped himself and the girls having sex.

In a separate indictment, Basa was charged with two counts of sex trafficking of children.

According to the indictment, Benavente persuaded the two girls to have sex and recorded the incident using the cell phone. This allegedly happened twice.

The indictment alleged that on April 1, 2013, Basa recruited and enticed the two minor girls to engage in a "commercial sex act."

The FBI alleged that Benavente took videos of himself having sex with two 15-year-old girls. Basa allegedly offered the girls to Benavente in exchange for methamphetamine or "ice" and money.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

Public Notice - Special Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT that the Advisory Board of Trustees of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Conference Room #3, Lower Navy Hill, Saipan to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Public Comments

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
- July 31, 2013 minutes

IV. MANAGEMENT REPORTS
- A. CEO – Updates on Tinian Health Center Coverage; Physician Recruitment; Procurement of Equipment; DOI/HHS Financial Assistance; ICS; Strategic Plan RFP
- B. IT Manager – Board Portal Update

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VI. NEW BUSINESS
- A. CMS Corrective Action Plan Update

VII. OLD BUSINESS
- A. The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)

VIII. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION
- Litigation Update
- MPLT Line of Credit Terms and Conditions

IX. MISCELLANEOUS
- A. Next Meeting
- B. Adjournment

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-026

Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The work consists of installation of new waterlines, cut and cap and tapping to existing waterlines in Capitol Hill Housing Blocks 1200 and 1300, Pohnpei Way, and Isa Drive; installation of new pressure reducing valves, gate valves and fire hydrants. The work is also inclusive of installation of new water lateral lines, reconnection of all existing water meters, asphalt paving restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package may be picked-up, upon receipt of payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $250.00 (non-refundable) at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 23, 2013** at 1:30 PM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.14, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-026, Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 12, 2013**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **August 26, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

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Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-028

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PREPAID METERS

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Remote Disconnect Prepaid Meters for CUC Power Division, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of $100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-13-028, Supply & Delivery of Remote Disconnect Prepaid Meters",* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 9, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Senate follows House lead in supporting 5-year CW extension

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REPORTER

Senators adopted Wednesday a House joint resolution fully supporting a five-year extension of the transitional Commonwealth-only worker program for the islands' 12,000-some foreign workers.

The Senate followed the House's lead in adopting House Joint Resolution 18-5 to give the CNMI "an adequate amount of time to fully adjust to the transition."

"The government and private sector considers that losing access to skilled foreign workers will hamper the rise of our tourism-based economy in a major way," the resolution partly reads.

Lawmakers supporting the resolution said extending the transition period beyond Dec. 31, 2014, would simply better fit the phase-out of foreign workers to an economically realistic timeframe.

They also said that an adjustment could be necessary to prevent uncertainty over the availability of labor beyond 2014 that could impede any recovery.

"A grant of a five-year extension would not subvert the goal of U.S. Public Law 110-229 to replace foreign workers in the CNMI with U.S. workers because employers would continue to be required to demonstrate the unavailability of a qualified U.S. worker before they are allowed to hire a foreign worker," the resolution, introduced by Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), says.

PL 110-229 is the law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control effective November 2009.

It provided a five-year transition period ending Dec. 31, 2014.

This U.S. law provides that 180 days prior to the expiration of the transition, the U.S. Labor secretary may extend the program. This decision is in consultation with the secretaries of the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security, Defense, and the Interior as well as the CNMI governor.

HJR 18-5 is addressed to the heads of the U.S. departments of Labor, Homeland Security, Defense, and the Interior, along with Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and the CNMI Legislature.

Inos and Sablan also separately wrote to U.S. officials early this year to extend the transition period.

Skilled and professional foreign workers, mostly from the Philippines and China, account for some 54 percent of the workforce in the CNMI.

Many of them have been working legally in the CNMI for more than five years, including as nurses, accountants, engineers, electricians, mechanics, carpenters, house workers, and hotel and restaurant employees, among other positions.

Flashback
A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

August 26, 2005

Two more weeks to go

Two more weeks to go before the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will end load shedding and hopefully start providing uninterrupted power service on Saipan, Gov. Juan N. Babauta announced yesterday. In a public briefing at the Multi-Purpose Center, Babauta said that CUC should have enough power generation capacity to accommodate consumer demand by Sept. 6, 2005, when the repair of Engine No. 8 at Power Plant 1 is expected to be completed. "CUC is on schedule to end load shedding in the first week of September," Babauta said. The utility firm started load shedding on July 28, 2005 due to under-generation. As a result, affected Saipan villages have been experiencing at least two hours of power outage a day.

Govt's utility payments short by $4.4M

The government's payments for utility expenses from fiscal year 2002 to date are short by $4.4 million, Gov. Juan N. Babauta disclosed yesterday. According to the governor, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has billed his administration a total of $40.5 million since fiscal year 2002. During this period, the government has paid CUC only $36.1 million. The $4.4-million difference occurred even with the administration paying CUC $2.1 million in excess since the beginning of FY 2005. Babauta reported that the government's utility bills amounted to $9 million since October 2004, but the government has already paid CUC $11.1 million.

August 26, 2006

Borja is new Education Commissioner

After a long discussion and heated arguments yesterday, the CNMI State Board of Education finally chose Dr. David M. Borja as the new Education Commissioner for the Public School System. Borja was chosen for the post on a three-to-two vote. Marja Lee Taitano, Dino Jones and board chair Roman C. Benavente voted in favor of Borja, while Lucy Blanco-Maratita and Herman T. Guerrero voted for former Associate Commissioner for Curriculum and Instruction Rita Sablan. Right before the voting began, Blanco-Maratita and Guerrero questioned the board and its legal counsel why they were going ahead with the selection when they still had a "certified question" for submission to the Supreme Court. The question centers on the qualifications of the Commissioner of Education, particularly the phrase "master's degree in some field of education."

Northwest extends extra Tokyo flights

Northwest Airlines has decided to offer its three extra flights between Tokyo and Saipan for six more months, the Marianas Visitors Authority announced yesterday. Northwest started the three weekly flights from Narita last April. It initially planned to provide the service up to October 2006 only. But the success of MVA and Northwest's summer campaign prompted the airline to extend the service for another six months at least, MVA chair Jerry Tan said. By December, Northwest will further increase the number of extra flights to five per week.

August 26, 2007

Independent bets for November polls soar

The number of independent candidates running this election has more than tripled, compared to the last midterm election. Of the 74 candidates certified by the Board of Election on Thursday, 20 are independents. In the 2003 midterm election, only six of the 78 candidates were independents. These figures exclude candidates in non-partisan races such as the municipal councils and the Board of Education, which total 18 this election.

Saipan loses NCLEX takers from RP

More bad news for the CNMI's tourism industry. Starting this week, Filipino nurses seeking jobs in the United States began taking the National Council Licensure Examination in their own country. Instead of the past practice of coming to Saipan or going to Hong Kong and other Asian countries for the NCLEX, Filipino nurses now have the option of taking the licensure exam at the Pearson Professional Center in Makati City. It is estimated that some 4,000 Filipino nurses will take the NCLEX until December this year. "The nursing shortage is still significant and research still indicates that there is a future anticipated shortfall of more than a million nurses in the U.S.," said Casey Marks, associate executive director for business operations of Pearsonvue, told the *Philippine Daily Inquirer.*

CK Kiosku up next in lecture series

The lecture series organized by the 12th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council and Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will have a change of scenery this Wednesday.

The third part of the ethnocentric talks on local history shifts to the Chalan Kanoa Kiosku after making the Joeten Kiyu Public Library its venue the past month.

The move to the old capital of Saipan is not without purpose since the Aug. 28 lecture, "The Saipan and Northern Islands Leadership Memorial Kiosku Project," will be about the Chalan Kanoa Kiosku. It begins promptly at 5pm.

Wednesday's presentation shares an approach inspired by the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council to recapture in symbols, forms, and narratives the role of local leaders in the transformative change of an island-nation and people from occupation to sovereign status and self-expression as co-equal sovereigns in achieving political self-determination.

The Kiosku narrative is told through the lenses of people of Northern Marianas descent in their own terms about their island nation, a story missing in mainstream pages of history.

Resources persons in Wednesday lecture include 12th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho, Northern Marianas College Board of Regents member William S. Torres, and Herman B. Cabrera and Associates principal and president Herman B. Cabrera.

Camacho and fellow council members in the 10th and 11th council were prime movers for the restoration and development of the historic Kiosku in Chalan Kanoa.

Torres, meanwhile, has extensive involvement in public education, island beautification, and heritage asset rehabilitation, grant writing, public and private sector consulting, among other private works.

Cabrera, for his part, is the prime designer and construction manager of the Chalan Kanoa Kiosku Project.

"The Saipan and Northern Islands Leadership Memorial Kiosku Project" is also among the topics selected for presentation at the upcoming 2nd Marianas History Conference at the University of Guam on Aug. 30-31, 2013.

The same topic was also featured on Catherine Perry's radio talk show "Your Humanities Half Hour" in the last Sunday of July 2013.

The presentation topic will be recorded live at the 2nd Marianas History Conference site on Aug. 30, 2013, for airing in the "Beyond the Fence" radio, which airs every Friday at noon on Public Radio Guam-KPRG 89.3 FM by radio talk host and coordinator of "Beyond the Fence," Dr. Vivian Loyola Dames. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Navy training at Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam–The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following times:

- Aug. 27 from 8am to 4pm
- Aug. 28 from 8am to 4pm

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated above.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. W-517 is contained within the following coordinates: 13° 10"N/144° 30"E, 13° 10"N/144° 42"E, 12° 50"N/144° 45"E, 11° 00"N/144° 45"E, 11° 00"N/143° 00"E, 11° 45"N/143° 00"E, 12° 50"N/144° 30"E.

Meanwhile, the waters surrounding the island of Farallon de Medinilla are deemed safe for local fisherman on Aug. 23 at 3pm until Sept. 1 at 4pm. The general public is advised to remain off the island of Farallon de Medinilla due to safety and security concerns. ***(PR)***

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EDITORIAL

If reports of a govt chemical weapons attack in Syria are confirmed, the U.S. must act

Last August, even as he resisted the notion of U.S. military intervention in Syria, President Obama said that "a red line for us is we start seeing a whole bunch of chemical weapons moving around or being utilized. That would change my calculus." If new reports of the use of nerve gas to massacre hundreds of Syrian civilians are confirmed, Obama must make good on that warning to punish the government and protect its population.

People around the world have been horrified by online images of bodies shrouded in white sheets—victims, Syrian opposition groups claim, of an attack Wednesday by the government of President Bashar Assad in a suburb of Damascus. The government denies using chemical weapons, and Russia, Assad's enabler on the U.N. Security Council, predictably dismissed the claims of a nerve-agent attack as a "premeditated provocation."

The initial reaction of the United States has been to demand that U.N. weapons inspectors already in Syria be allowed to visit the scene of the alleged attack and gather information. The U.S. intelligence community is also looking into the allegations. Those are prudent first steps. But if the reports are confirmed by the U.N. inspectors or otherwise, this atrocity should be met with measured military action.

We say that even though we share Obama's aversion to military intervention in Syria, which would be a more complicated and dangerous proposition than the air campaign that led to the overthrow of Libya's Moammar Gadhafi in 2011. The administration's caution has reflected not only an admirable reluctance to ensnare the United States in another foreign war but also a concern that the Syrian opposition remains too volatile and divided to be trusted.

The administration didn't abandon its essentially cautious policy even after it determined in June that the Assad government had used small amounts of the nerve agent sarin against its opponents. But if chemical weapons are now being used on a major scale against civilians, the U.S. must act—ideally in concert with other nations. On Thursday, France's foreign minister suggested that the international community should respond with "force" short of the deployment of troops if the allegations are confirmed. A no-fly zone coupled with airstrikes is an obvious option.

For almost a century there has been an international consensus that chemical weapons are beyond the pale because of their cruelty and potential for widespread loss of life. That understanding was reflected in Obama's comments about a "red line." The Syrian government must not be allowed to cross that line with impunity.

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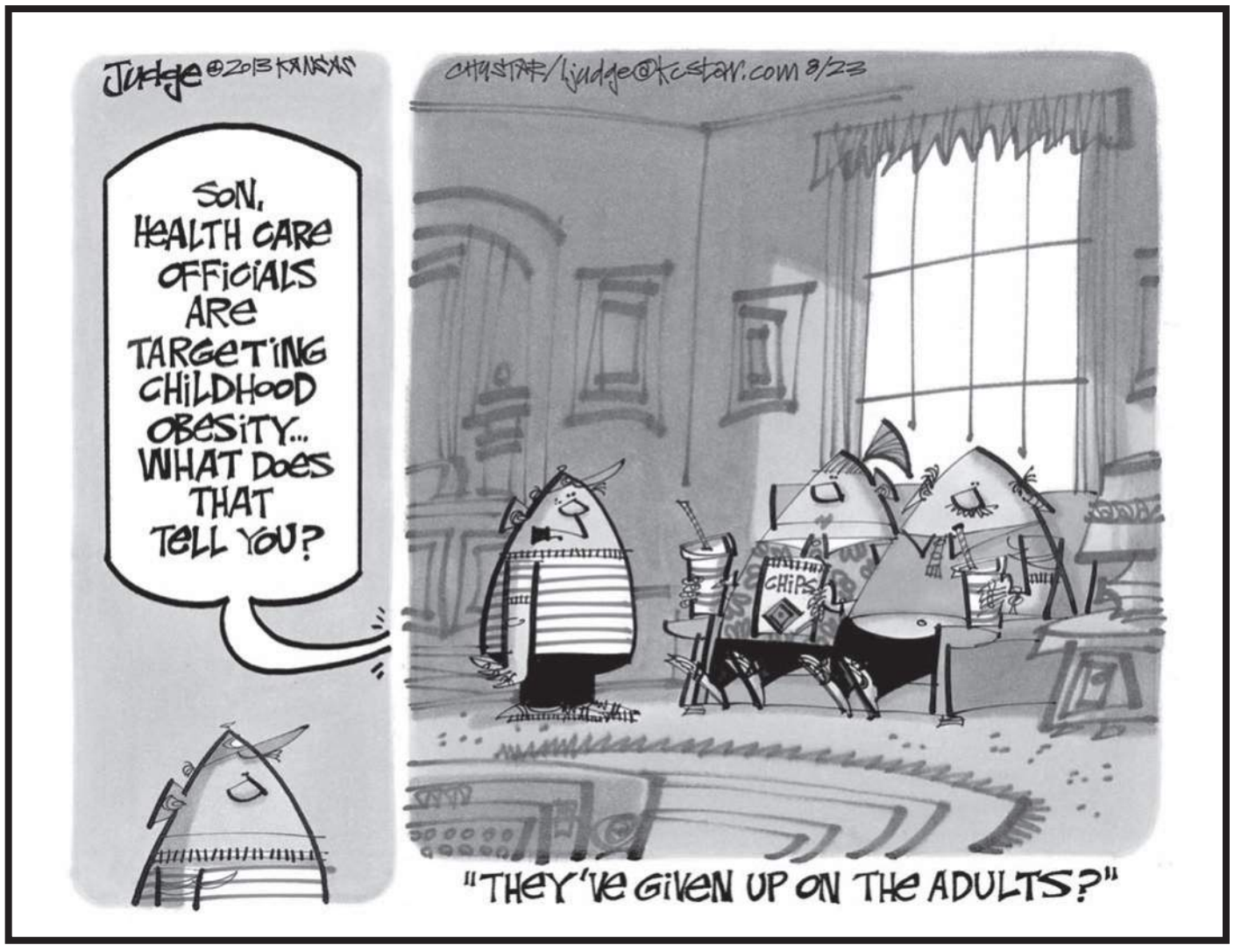
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"THEY'VE GIVEN UP ON THE ADULTS?"

Finals

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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It is the first day of classes here at the Shenyang Aerospace University in China. It is my final week here on this page. Not bad timing for a transition.

I will deal with my academic class first.

When I was growing up as a tweener ('tween childhood and teen), two things I learned as a necessary skill: how to finger type on a QWERTY Smith Corona that my Dad sent from graduate school, and how to ride a bicycle. The typing took almost daily summer lessons on clunky Underwoods at the local YMCA; the bike riding cost my 2-year-old sister a bloody heel caught in the wheel spokes while I was showing off as she rode the back seat. These were "doing" types of activities but the typing did wonders to the discipline of my "knowing," and the riding, to my sense of balance. Not bad for a boy at the time.

I teach my students a skill, the use of a language tool. They have reached the university learning English the same way they did math and science: memorize many things in order to pass a standard exam. This involved rote memory of vocabulary and rules of grammar on the assumption that in the process, some may manage to learn how to think, or at least, how to spot the two blatantly wrong answers in a multiple choice of four, to improve odds when they guess on the remaining two.

One of my teaching colleagues, a Chinese Canadian who attended a Tar Heel school, once asked when we partnered for a faculty colloquy: "You want us to get them to talk but what would they talk about?" I answered that question with my subsequent classes by getting my students to talk about something they do not need to read a book about: themselves!

I have thus taken it my role to facilitate a process of encounters where students discover and articulate who they are and what they intend to do about it, expressed not in wishful thinking of abstractions, but in the facticity of real time and in actual anticipation of days to come. In the process, they also encounter their classmates, and a crazy *(shen jing ping,* aka nut case*)* teacher who paints with them verifiable images of China and the world. It is a tall order but doable.

We start classes this week with a minimum of 12 lessons per semester once a week. Students, if they have to learn, have to learn how to learn on their own initiative and motivation.

Our foray into what started as a weekly contribution to the Opinion pages of this paper did not come from academic training in either journalism or literary art and discipline, as it was a discovery that we had opinions on methods and was ready to write it down on a regular basis. It helped that the late ST publisher JP became a friend who kept us focused when we wandered too far from our task, and the rest is history.

As it is in our pedagogy, our task for the last four decades has been on contextual education. Knowledge is not a piece of property to be owned. Knowing is rather a process of playing attention to one's being—sense experience, emotional state, intellectual cognition, and the free exercise of the will to act, and then learn to artfully embody the expressions of all, or each part, kinesthetically, audio-visually, and literarily.

To borrow computer analogy, every human operates out of the Language OS, appropriates its own social language and number application. Chinese learners' difficulty so far has been the haste by which they scamper for Chinese meanings of English terms, thus remembering the Chinese word rather than the English. As any multilingual speaker knows, we keep separate language applications in our minds atop one Language OS. The use of a language as a communication tool is ultimately what is important; listening to the EnglisCh of Singapore, KL, Jakarta, HK, and Shanghai is evidently not very rule compliant.

Our pieces, at least in intent, are primarily contextual. They do not directly intend to inform, cajole, encourage, affect readers to sense, feel, think, and do any specific thing, or follow a particular practice. They do provide a canopy, a green house, where readers as independent organisms respond in their own terms. Some ignore our prodding and plodding but as has been our expressed caveat to readers: curious, welcome; not, meet you at the bend!

We are closing out a decade-long literary scratching, most of it seeing print on this page. Our outputs are time sensitive so we won't comb through the record and see whether we have enough to compile a book, and make it to Amazon.com.

Our task at contextual education is a lifelong career, a vocation that has taken many professional forms. Its current incarnation will be in a university setting of students awakening to their own potential even as they navigate through a world looking favorably at their destiny. China has found itself second in the world's economic heap, fortunately gained through productivity rather than from military might. While we have no illusion that our efforts have any consequence one way or the other to effect future course, we do think that a few more heads playfully paying attention to their own affairs can only be an asset to any country in the planet.

We are not on a crusade, on a critical mission, nor are we in pursuit of a vision. We are just on our final sprint, and as Nike succinctly puts it, we just do it!

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Hypocrisy shreds Obama's legacy

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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There are few things I hate more than hypocrisy; you know, people talking from both sides of their mouths. These people ignore that in doing so they equally trash their integrity in the process. When your reputation is shot, it'll take miracles to restore it, if at all.

Obama's convinced that his second-term mandate authorizes him to willfully shred the Constitution when it runs contrary to his political agenda. But wasn't the former social worker from the south side of Chicago a lecturer of constitutional law at Harvard University?

With such sterling credentials, did he simply decide it was fine to ignore the foundation of first principles that led to the founding of the richest and most powerful country in the world? So he wants to impose his "soak the rich tax hikes" to pay for his redistributionist policies. Isn't it true that a good number of them have already renounced their citizenship to move away from such predatory policies?

He seems oblivious to the wealthy leaving places like France and other European countries when investment policies turn punitive and regressive. These American firms simply transfer investments to China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand who granted larger tax breaks and allowed their keeping a good percentage of their wealth.

If there's anything that is most prominent under the Obama presidency, it's his close affinity to hypocrisy! He spouts one thing about his signature healthcare law, taking Americans for fools. But citizens have discovered that it means more taxes and the denial of health services to the very poor and senior citizens he wanted to help. Is it a case of his failing to read the law so he doesn't chime Pelosi's "Let's approve it now and find out what's in it later?"

Well, the law is more than 2,500 pages long that piles up from the floor to the ceiling. A mountain of legalese isn't very encouraging reading material either that includes 1,700 pages in rules drafted so far to implement it. It's train wreck where taxpayers end up paying for any and all mistakes committed by bureaucrats assigned to scribble more than our share of convoluted regulations.

Subsequently, he came out swinging that he'd fix the mess at the NSA. Recently, though, nearly 2,000 more abuses have been identified where NSA has purposely or mistakenly been snooping on citizens. It illustrates the fully honed hypocrisy of a president who says one thing while his policies promote the exact opposite. It's mind-boggling the audacity to spout hypocrisy, rubbing insults against the intelligence of an informed citizenry. Why is the country so consumed by the trivial rather than the essential?

One law, two regulations

As Obama spouts his signature healthcare policy as a "right", Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) stumped for a House plan to push back the so-called "individual mandate" by a year, accusing Obama of giving special treatment to big business.

"You and your family deserve the same relief the president gave to big businesses by delaying the employer mandate," Capito said. "It's only fair."

Capito was referring to the administration's decision to push back the employer mandate by a year, scheduling it for 2014 instead of 2013, and its more recent decision to push back caps on out-of-pocket healthcare expenses. The latter move was announced this week.

"The president gave big businesses another pass—this time at the behest of insurance companies that say they need more time to comply," Capito said. "Meanwhile, yes, you and your family are expected to adhere to all the prescribed mandates, as scheduled."

Despite Capito's criticism of the White House move, Republicans have opposed the employer mandate and supported its delay: The House passed a bill last month seeking to codify that delay, and in another weekly GOP address earlier this month, Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, called for modifications to it.

In July, the House voted 251-174 to delay the individual mandate by a year, until 2015—a measure unlikely to become law, as Democrats control the Senate and Obama has not shown he has any intention of caving to GOP opposition to his signature domestic law. But with 22 Democrats joining Republicans to support that bill, its passage showed the individual mandate's scheduled implementation to be unpopular among some in the president's own party.

Capito accused Obama of giving preferential treatment to businesses and insurers, and he called on Senate Democrats and the president to approve the House GOP's bill.

"Let's delay this health care law not just for some, but for all Americans. That would only be fair. That would be government working the way it's supposed to," Capito said.

Miscellany

Buddy Magoo said he's heard that tidal shift is supposed to lift all boats. "But our boats are still downstairs and most of the passengers are either dead or have left the boat."

I advised my friend to stay put and employ the virtue of patience.

"Huh? Do you know how hard it is to be patient? I still for *da kine* for very poor and plenty more *da kine* out in *da* villages are for very poor, too. Patience?"

Tried to be philosophical by chiming that "time heals all wounds."

Said he, "With a lot of our people suffering from *da kine* for type two diabetes, an injury especially for chronic patients no can heal, braddah."

Struggled to persuade him that it's all in the mind.

"Eh, braddah, I already for *da kine* explain I seriously very poor!" It's for *da kine* politics of what's coming down the pike. If you no can feed 'em, you'll lose 'em, give 'em all to me!"

Letters to the Editor

A key economic solution

I think it is might be necessary to qualify myself because I know someone will say who do I think I am, saying what local people should do with their land. But before they complain it should be noted that it was the local people who asked and even begged to be part of *my* nation, which promises every citizen the right to own land. There is also the fact that my wife and my children *are* local and I am also a U.S. citizen whose billions the CNMI has benefited from. I think these reasons are my *natural* and *guaranteed rights* to speak out, especially when I love the CNMI and would never suggest anything detrimental.

Most economies are dependent upon how the land is developed. The CNMI's developing economy has never scratched the surface for perpetual land development—a key reason for our economic dilemma. But we do have the perpetual horror stories about Hawaii designed to scare people and insinuate that local people are just *dumb* and won't manage their land properly if they can sell it. The local people are *supposed* to learn from Hawaii's mistake and do a *better* job but doing nothing gets you nothing, which is why the real estate market in the CNMI is *nothing*! The housing market is a big part of the foundation of any modern economy, so don't look for our economy to fully rebound until the housing market is addressed.

As for an alternative to casinos, the simple fee sale of hotels and resorts with a progressive property tax only on these properties is still the simplest and best solution to saving the Retirement Fund, with an extra $100 million to do other things. We need to pay this debt *now* and save the Fund, not put the debt on our children and let the Fund die. The sale of these properties under a property tax simply means the lease is being extended "as long as the investor wants" or should I say as long as the investor stays in compliance and pays their taxes. This is known as "virtual ownership," which is the American way of dealing with landownership, as the local way is not working! The land will always belong to the people and future generations will continue to collect taxes on the land—everybody is a winner with a better solution than casinos! American investors don't want to touch this place because they can't own their investment, which is why we are primarily experiencing investors from other countries.

The governor has also made it known that he wants the Fund dead figuratively, which I knew because his predecessor (Fitial) told me he wanted it dead too! So people, you need to know that all along the plan was to *kill* the Fund, which is really sad because we *had* one of the *best* retirement plans in the nation until our government started giving money away in bonuses and robbing it and now they are poised to kill it, leaving only a debt for our children to pay.

So if our leaders want to save the Fund and do something to turn our economy around at the same time, do the simple fee sale and fix Article 12! Stop playing around with the future as we are getting left behind each day our leaders delay taking on these tough issues. Will any of them do the work to make any of the alternatives a reality or will they continue to be followers of the administration, playing safe politics and putting the failures on the administration to get re-elected?

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Self-reliance

I am writing with regards to a recent opinion written by Mr. John S. DelRosario Jr. titled "A once sustainable lifestyle." I enjoyed Mr. DelRosario's article, and I second his sentiment regarding economic changes. The move away from self-reliance to consumerism is not unique to the islands. America was built as an agriculturally based society, and prior to the 1950s it was not uncommon for Americans to practice the home arts: growing and canning their own food, building their own structures and furniture, and sewing their own clothing, among other things. Long before the Great Depression or World War II, people kept vegetable gardens and chickens in their yards (or even on small balconies in tenement housing). However, at some point after World War II, the "American Dream" became less about making things and more about buying them.

As our entire country continues to struggle to survive the current economic climate, it may be time to reconsider our model of life. movement of the home arts has overtaken the mainland. Some people partake directly by cultivating entire farms in urban settings and making products in their own home. Others participate by moving away from traditional consumer culture, living with less and supporting local artisans and farmers when they do make purchases.

We live in an industrialized world, and we will not escape it. We will need to continue to support the growth of our current and future local industries. However, we do not need to continue to adhere to the rampant consumerism that has over taken us. We should think about becoming more reliant on what is available to us locally and within our community. Many of us have fruit growing in our yards or keep vegetable gardens. We can take it even further by making a conscious effort to buy locally as much as possible. These islands are full of beautiful produce that is available at low prices from our local farmers. Let's reach for some beautiful local fruit for breakfast instead of Pop Tarts shipped from God knows where. It will be good for our bodies, our community, and our wallets. Just my two cents.

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Thanks to class action team

I am happy with the 75 percent NMIRF settlement, instead of nothing at all. As a CNMI retiree with 20 years service I am delighted that a settlement was reached so that we will continue to receive 75 percent of our stipends. The alternative is that the Fund dries up entirely in early/mid-2014, and we have *no* retirement at all. *That* would really be a hardship on us as we are growing older. Many thanks for the team that arranged the settlement.

Also, nobody should presume to speak for me. The CRA officers group should support this settlement. That group has *never* taken a poll of the opinion of the many, many hundreds of retirees *ever*. I've been in contact with many, *many* dozens of retirees; without exception they support the settlement. So, since the CRA has not been active in all this, none of the officers should use their position and claim that their personal opinion represents the group.

If this settlement is not approved, it will fall through and that's the road to poverty. Again thanks to the class action team on behalf of myself and many others. The 75 percent settlement will help keep us all fed, sheltered, and out of poverty, so we aren't a burden on our relatives.

Angelyn Sills
Arizona, United States

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Isolated afternoon thunderstorms on Guam. Otherwise partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Isolated afternoon thunderstorms on Guam. Otherwise partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼78
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼76
Yap	Cloudy	▲89	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲87	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲87	▼75
Majuro	Showers	▲84	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼53
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲90	▼70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼81
Honolulu	Sunny	▲87	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼57
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼65
Manila	Thundershowers	▲85	▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲66	▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲87	▼78
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼64
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲91	▼73
Paris	Cloudy	▲73	▼56
Pusan	Windy	▲87	▼75
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼66
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼55
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Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼73
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼64

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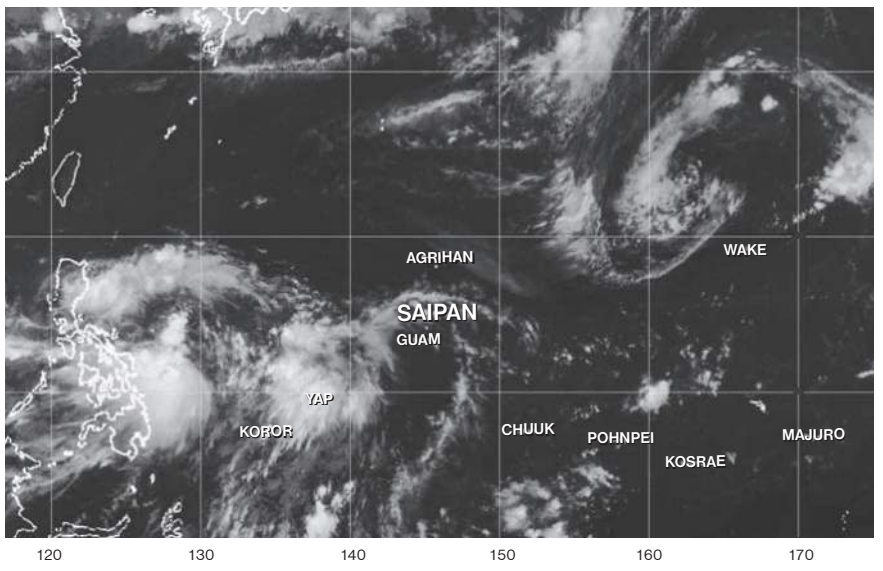

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

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Tides

Saipan Harbor

6:29 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
12:34 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
6:30 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:04 AM	6:34 PM
Tuesday	6:04 AM	6:33 PM
Wednesday	6:04 AM	6:32 PM
Thursday	6:04 AM	6:32 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:31 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:20 PM	10:28 AM
Tuesday	11:05 PM	11:20 AM
Wednesday	11:05 PM	12:11 PM
Thursday	11:52 PM	1:01 PM
Friday	12:39 AM	1:49 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
OZ1077	4:50am	7:10am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
DL583	5:50am	8:30am	2, 5, 6
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ612	3:40am	7:20am	Daily
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:10am	10:45am	6
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily
OZ1087	10:00pm	2:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
DL582	8:30pm	1:00am+1	1, 4, 5
OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ611	9:10pm	2:40am+1	Daily
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

A fitness fight against cancer

By SGT EDDIE SIGUENZA
GUAM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

» Deployed Guam Guardsmen dedicate fitness regimen to cancer-stricken soldier

CAMP PHOENIX, Afghanistan—Not long after Guam Army National Guardmembers adjusted their fitness schedule to support a fellow Army soldier, the soldier—a former Guam resident—lost a tough fight to pancreatic cancer.

Members of Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, dedicated their Aug. 17 physical fitness regimen to 1st Lt. Timothy Santos Jr., a U.S. Army AH-64 Apache pilot. He died Aug. 19 after a brave fight against the disease. Santos, assigned to 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division out of Fort Bliss, Texas, had to hastily leave his Operation Enduring Freedom mission March 2013 to get immediate medical attention.

Santos battled hard but the cancer was just too much to bear, said Sgt. 1st Class Tommy Padilla, operations noncommissioned officer and Santos' uncle. He is survived by his wife, Katrina, and two children.

"All of his family was there for him. There was hope he'd win the battle," said Padilla, whose sister Carmen is Santos' mother. "He's a strong man, a fighter. When I found out he died, I was in disbelief."

Guam Guardmembers throughout Afghanistan had dedicated their Workout of the Day to Santos. Close to two dozen soldiers at Camp Phoenix, Kabul, combined to lift more than 92,000 pounds in less than 20 minutes. Their intent was to encourage Santos to stay strong in his personal battle.

The Guam soldiers staged what they called, "TJ's Grand Slam," and set up a series of exercises where they jumped, pulled, and lifted objects or themselves, in a timed session. The event dealt with things involving Santos. For example,

Members of Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, stationed at Camp Phoenix, Kabul, Afghanistan, complete a strenuous workout and show a fist in support of former Guam resident Timothy Santos Jr., a U.S. Army AH-64 Apache pilot who's battling cancer. Santos, a member of 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, was stationed in Afghanistan but returned home for recovery. The Guam Guardsmen dedicated their Aug. 17 training regimen—dubbed "TJ's Grand Slam"—for Santos.
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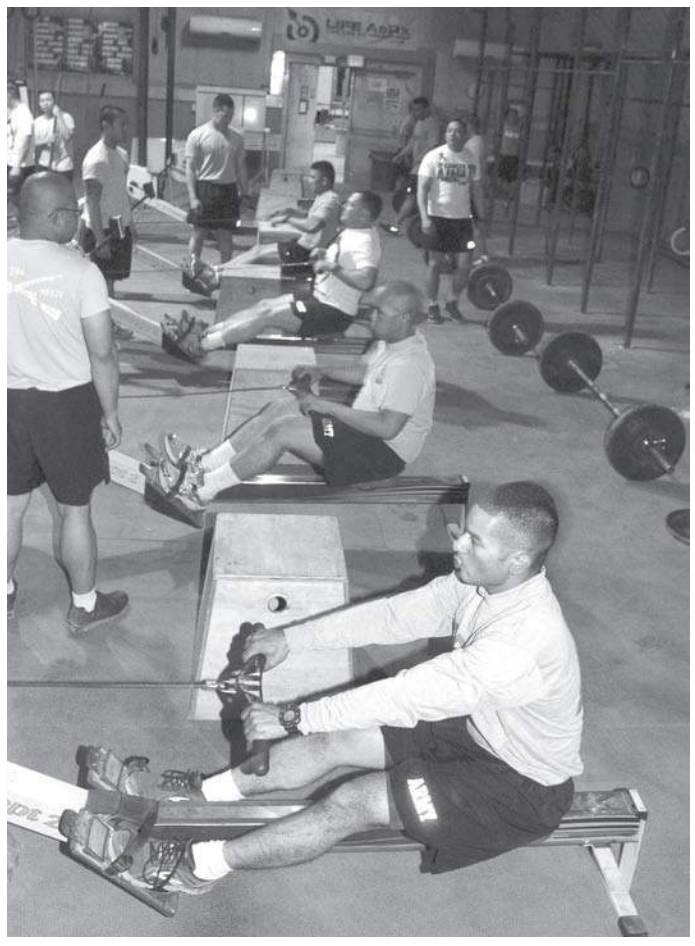

Maj. Gerard Baleto of Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, pulls up on an overhead bar Aug. 17 during a physical fitness regime entitled "TJ's Grand Slam."
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Maj. Scott Johnson, physician assistant for 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, dons a "Timothy Santos Jr." t-shirt during the Aug. 17 Workout of the Day at Camp Phoenix, Kabul, Afghanistan, to support the former Guam resident's battle with cancer.
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▲ Nearly two dozen Guam Army National Guardsmen from Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, participate in "TJ's Grand Slam" Aug. 17 at the Camp Phoenix Crossfit Center in Kabul, Afghanistan.
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during his years as a member of Guam's national and junior national baseball teams, he wore uniform No. 16. So the duration of workouts were timed for 16 minutes.

"As a family member, I can't be there for him right now," said Capt. Stephanie Taijeron, Task Force Guam medical officer and Santos' relative. "So this is a small way to let TJ know I am there with him, heart and soul, to show him he's still very important," she said.

Event organizer Capt. Darrell Fejerang said the Guam Guardmembers encouraged Santos to remain positive and strong in the battle. Likewise, the Guam soldiers are locked in their own OEF mission, but will remain tough for him, he added.

"The support from other service members means a lot," Taijeron said.

Santos has other close relatives currently in Afghanistan with the Guam Guard, according to Taijeron. He also has close friends with the unit such as 2nd Lt. Mark A. Torre Jr., Delta company's executive officer, who was a member of Guam's national baseball team as well.

Santos' father, Tim Santos Sr., was a member of the Guam Air National Guard. So the family ties to the Guam Guard abound in Afghanistan.

Fejerang organized four exercises and categorized them in baseball terms, Santos' sport. At first base, participants had to complete 29 rowing exercises. One barbell exercise was slated for second base, while third base consisted of four strict pull-ups. Finally, at home plate, participants had to complete five box jumps.

"Repetitions for first base represent his age (29). Repetitions for second and third base, and home plate, represent Santos' Army unit (145th)," Fejerang explained. "Once all four stages are completed, the participants earn a grand slam."

Drenched in sweat immediately following the exercise, the soldiers grouped together and simultaneously called out, "Stay strong Tim!"

Santos had a promising baseball career prior to joining the military service. He turned down three college scholarships, joining the Army instead, Taijeron said. His younger brother, Trae, while a junior at Troy University, was drafted by the San Diego Padres June 2013.

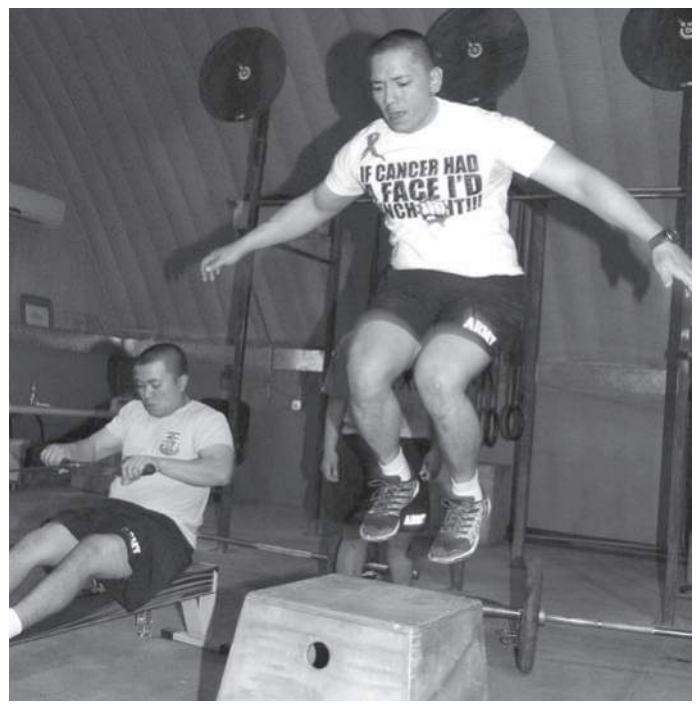
A few participants wore Santos tribute T-shirts sent from Guam to Taijeron. The T-shirts read, "If cancer had a face, I'd punch it." At the request of other soldiers, more T-shirts are on their way to Afghanistan.

"We wanted TJ to know we're pulling for him," she said. "We know TJ and his family are going through a lot. We want him to be strong."

"We offered to do this workout as a symbol of our support," Fejerang stated. "We truly admire Santos and his family's courage and strength in their battle against this very aggressive disease."

Santos and his family reside in Alabama.

"Every moment of his life was something special," Padilla added. "TJ was a very good man; very respectful. This is something that's really hard to accept."



Capt. Darrell Fejerang, center, personnel officer of Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, hops onto a box Aug. 17 during "TJ's Grand Slam" fitness event honoring former Guam resident Timothy Santos Jr., an AH-64 Apache pilot with 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment.
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Navy EOD, DHS tie up for explosive awareness seminar

By TIMOTHY WILSON
MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS

MANGILAO, Guam—Representatives of dozens of government, military, aviation, and shipping organizations partnered to educate and understand threats to airline security and commercial aircraft in Mangilao on Aug. 23.

Sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security, explosive specialists from the Transportation Security Administration replicated a dozen scenarios where explosives could be concealed in belongings or hidden on a person. U.S. Navy and Air Force Explosive Disposal Ordnance technicians assisted with rigging the charges and detonating each example to showcase the deadly and destructive potential of explosives.

"In any work environment, the team work and collaboration among the different agencies is absolutely critical that we work together," said Brian Cahill, Federal Security director DHS, TSA in Guam. "When you come to an island like Guam, the importance of those relationships is increased exponentially because we all realize that if some type of tragic event occurs, [natural or manmade] we will recover much more quickly than if we were operating independently."

The multiday event marked the first ever collaboration of so many various interconnected agencies on Guam, said Brian FitzGerald, lead transportation security specialist explosives, for DHS and TSA.

Brian FitzGerald, lead transportation security specialist explosives, for Department of Homeland Security and Transportation Security Administration, left, instructs a crowd of interagency participants on the potential dangers of explosives strapped to a human prior to a live-fire demonstration.
AUG, 23. U.S. NAVY/TIMOTHY WILSON

An explosive detonates during a demonstration of potential security risks to airline security during an exercise sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security on Guam, Aug, 23.
U.S. NAVY/TIMOTHY WILSON

"It's an opportunity. The law enforcement officers understand the threats, they train on those things and see the materials often but you talk about the civilian entities," he said. "They don't necessarily get to see these things on a regular basis so it drives home the point of why our inspection teams, our canine teams are out there every day. There's a reason why we are doing what we are doing and it's for the safety and common good of the travelling public."

The stakeholders involved in the training included members from the FBI, U.S. Marshalls, U.S. Postal Service, TSA Canine Unit, U.S. Navy Military Working Dog Unit, Guam Police Department, Airport Security, as well as several representatives from major airline companies and distribution industries.

"The interagency cooperation has been fantastic," said Cahill. "Although this was a TSA sponsored event, it was truly a joint effort to bring all this together. It was good team work and a good team effort."

FitzGerald said TSA employs a number of explosive experts to demonstrate demolitions practices and how chemical compounds can be used in commercial aviation airline attacks; however, the work ethic he saw from others made the training unparalleled.

"We could not have done this training without the Navy and Air Force EOD detachments. They came out and did an outstanding job," he said. "The teams here are the best in the region and we are lucky to have them on the island. Those guys are very professional and I cannot thank those guys enough for what they do on this island on a daily basis."

Cahill said the stakeholders expressed gratitude for the opportunity to partner with so many agencies at one time so any threat, natural or manmade, could be effectively mitigated.

"Hopefully they will have a better understanding of what officials are looking for in our TSA checkpoints and the baggage checked into commercial airline flights," he said. "Together, we help ensure aviation security at our airport and everyone in Guam is as safe and secure as possible."

Based on the positivity of the feedback and success of the training, Cahill said training evolutions will occur regularly in the future.

"We recognize that commercial aviation is a big piece of the Americans people's freedoms and we at TSA never want to see another 9/11 or anything remotely similar to it." ***(U.S. Navy)***

27 take part in MWA Foundation Walk

Some 27 early-risers took part in the 12th Annual Foundation Walk organized by the Marianas Walking Association last Saturday.

The event started bright and early at 6am with participants walking the 5-kilometer route from the Carolinian Utt in Garapan to the Japanese Tank memorial on Quartermaster Road.

MWA board director Hiroko Tajima said they didn't get the turnout they expected because of the heavy downpour early Saturday morning.

The 27 participants who did brave the rain and slick Saipan Beach Pathway, however, had a great experience taking part in the early morning event that celebrated MWA's 12th anniversary.

Tajima said the Saipan Walking Association, Inc. was renamed MWA in Sept. 15, 2008 and the group celebrated that anniversary on Aug. 24.

The Marianas Visitors Authority, Coca-Cola, KKMP, Team PDI, Joanna's Transportation Service, and Island Apparel were the main sponsors of the MWA's 12th Annual Foundation Walk.

Event T-shirts were sold for $10 apiece and Joanna's Transportation Service donated a beautiful 12th anniversary cake.

MWA will have three more events for 2013: the Aqua Walk in September, the Turkey Walk in November, and the Christmas Walk in December. It also held the SOPHIA Walk in May.

Tajima is urging the public to strive to be healthy this year by joining MWA's free walking events. She noted that as a nonprofit organization, MWA needs the support of the community to carry out their activities every year.

For more information about MWA and its walking events, call Tajima at 287-8780, Bea Quitugua at 285-1694, or Hiroko Tenorio at 483-0614. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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Marianas Walking Association officials and participants of the 12th Annual Foundation Walk show of the event T-shirts and commemorative cake of last Saturday's event at the Carolinian Utt.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT
Happy birthday, Nino Jed! May you be blessed with good health and a long life, Greetings come from your godson, Taizo Jude Perez Kaneshi.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Business

Useful mobile apps that can save you some cash

By GREGORY KARP
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Websites and smartphone applications can be tremendous resources for spending your money smarter. Problem is, so many new ones crop up that it's difficult to keep up.

So we searched for some websites and apps you might not be using and that you might find helpful.

In general what we found was a growing sophistication among money tools. Some smartphone apps use the built-in geolocation capability of the phone to help you spend money smarter—by offering a coupon for a store that you're already in, for example. Another trend is for sites and apps to engage consumers by incorporating small game-type methods of reaping rewards, called gamification. And many new sites have online videos to explain their tools.

Of course, new and unusual spending tools don't necessarily trump the tried-and-true. For example, worth considering are Mint.com to track your spending, ConsumerReports.org to investigate product quality, AngiesList.com to find top-notch service providers, the CardStar app to electronically store your loyalty cards, GasBuddy to find low, nearby gasoline prices and Amazon Price Check and RedLaser to scan bar codes to compare prices.

But among new and lesser-known tools, we've rounded up a few interesting and promising ones. With newer ones, it's hard to predict whether they'll succeed and be available a year from now. And we weren't able to thoroughly review every one. But if you're a smart consumer who likes trying new sites and apps, these seem worth a shot. Details are available online. All are free, but most have some method for earning money, if only from advertising. Keep in mind that these aren't being listed as the best; they're just a sampling of ones worth exploring.

■ **GLYPH AND WALLABY APPS**. Have a bunch of reward credit cards but aren't sure which card will give you the biggest reward for specific purchases? Glyph (paywithglyph.com), which plans to change its name to Wisely, and Wallaby (walla.by) can help. For each of these apps, you first enter the reward cards you own. Armed with that information, they will use the GPS on your phone to identify the retailer or restaurant you're in and advise you on which card to use to maximize your cash back or reward points. This can be a huge help for credit cards that change bonus-reward categories each month. Each has a companion website. Linking your cards can be time-consuming, but presumably, you do it just once.

■ **AVVO.COM**. This website attempts to help average people with their legal problems and also rates attorneys and offers referrals. It has a free question-and-answer forum with questions answered by lawyers. A well-known site geared more toward do-it-yourselfers is LegalZoom.com.

■ **MANILLA**. This site (Manilla.com) is a couple years old but seems to fly under the radar among mainstream tools. It's somewhere to organize many of your bills and subscriptions in one place. You can link your accounts for your cable TV, wireless phone, electronic company and travel rewards among others. Manilla keeps tabs on those accounts, storing your bills and statements and alerting you to bills that are due so you don't incur late fees or possibly damage your credit rating. This site requires a lot of trust because you enter logins for many of your online accounts, including financial ones. Manilla is owned by the large media company Hearst Corp. and has detailed explanations on the website about its efforts to keep your information secure. For a site more geared toward paying off debt, see ReadyForZero (ReadyForZero.com).

■ **FLIPSY.** Selling back your unwanted electronics can be a great idea. For example, you might get $50 for a waterlogged iPhone that you thought was worthless. Flipsy is a trade-in comparison site that shows what some companies will pay you for your used books, smartphones, Mac computers and video game consoles. To get the best deal, be sure to check out the big trade-in sites too, such as Gazelle, NextWorth, Glyde and Amazon Trade-In.

■ **IBOTTA**. This app allows you to earn money for products you plan to buy by completing minor tasks. For example, if you were going to buy Silk Pure Almond milk, you could earn 25 cents for watching a 90-second ad on your phone. If you were going to buy Green Giant frozen broccoli, you could answer a poll question to earn 25 cents. After completing the tasks, go to the store and buy the items. Then take a picture of your store receipt to prove you bought the items—some stores offer automated verification—and money is credited to your Ibotta account. You can withdraw the money via PayPal.

■ **CARTCRUNCH.** This app, formerly called Saverr, says it uses crowd-sourced pricing data to help shoppers find the best prices at their local grocery stores. You can scan your grocery receipt to receive customized offers and a recommendation on which supermarket is best for you based on lowest prices, although supermarket choices are limited so far. Beware, the app is very young, but it's interesting. Other grocery-related apps recommended by ShopSmart, the Consumer Reports magazine, include SnipSnap, Shopular and Reclip.it.

■ **DLYTE.COM.** Buy gift cards from this site to reap reward points, which can be accumulated and used to purchase more gift cards. You can also use points to bid on gift cards in auctions.

■ **SHOPKICK**. This app is the opposite of "showrooming," the term for consumers scouting purchases in real stores but then buying the products online for a lower price. This app rewards you for physically being in the stores of major retailers by giving you "kicks," the program's currency, for being in the store and interacting with products, such as scanning bar codes of items. As a consumer, you should be aware that the idea behind the app is to encourage you to walk into stores more often and perhaps be enticed to make more purchases. Accumulated kicks can be cashed in, mostly for gift cards to Target, Starbucks, Macy's, iTunes and others.

■ **WATTZON**. This website and accompanying apps attempt to save you energy and money. After asking a few questions about your home, it will offer suggestions on how to cut energy use, for example. You can link the site to your utility account to monitor electricity and natural gas use.

■ **GREENTOE**. This website allows you to name your own price for electronics, similar to Priceline and Hotwire for travel. You make an offer, with help from the site, which then notifies retailers of a potential buyer. The first retailer to respond makes the online sale to you. Be sure to check prices elsewhere to make sure you're not offering to pay too much.

Of course, this is only a sampling and just scratches the surface of new money-related tools. But it might give you a sense of what's available.

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Nation

MARCHING FOR KING'S DREAM:

'The task is not done yet'

UNITE and FIGHT against RACISM
WE MARCH for JOBS and CIVIL RIGHTS
NAACP
WE MARCH TO END RACIAL PROFILING
SUPPORT TRAYVON'S LAW

AP
Crowds rally at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Tens of thousands of people marched to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and down the National Mall on Saturday, commemorating the 50th anniversary of King's famous speech and pledging that his dream includes equality for gays, Latinos, the poor and the disabled.

The event was an homage to a generation of activists that endured fire hoses, police abuse and indignities to demand equality for African Americans. But there was a strong theme of unfinished business.

"This is not the time for nostalgic commemoration," said Martin Luther King III, the oldest son of the slain civil rights leader. "Nor is this the time for self-congratulatory celebration. The task is not done. The journey is not complete. We can and we must do more."

Eric Holder, the nation's first black attorney general, said he would not be in office, nor would Barack Obama be president, without those who marched.

"They marched in spite of animosity, oppression and brutality because they believed in the greatness of what this nation could become and despaired of the founding promises not kept," Holder said.

Holder mentioned gays and Latinos, women and the disabled as those who had yet to fully realize the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream. Others in the crowd advocated organized labor, voting rights, revamping immigration policies and access to local post offices.

Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., the only surviving speaker from the 1963 March on Washington, railed against a recent Supreme Court decision that effectively erased a key anti-discrimination provision of the Voting Rights Act. Lewis was a leader of a 1965 march, where police beat and gassed marchers who demanded access to voting booths.

"I gave a little blood on that bridge in Selma, Ala., for the right to vote," he said. "I am not going to stand by and let the Supreme Court take the right to vote away from us. You cannot stand by. You cannot sit down. You've got to stand up. Speak up, speak out and get in the way."

Yosemite takes steps to protect sequoias from fire

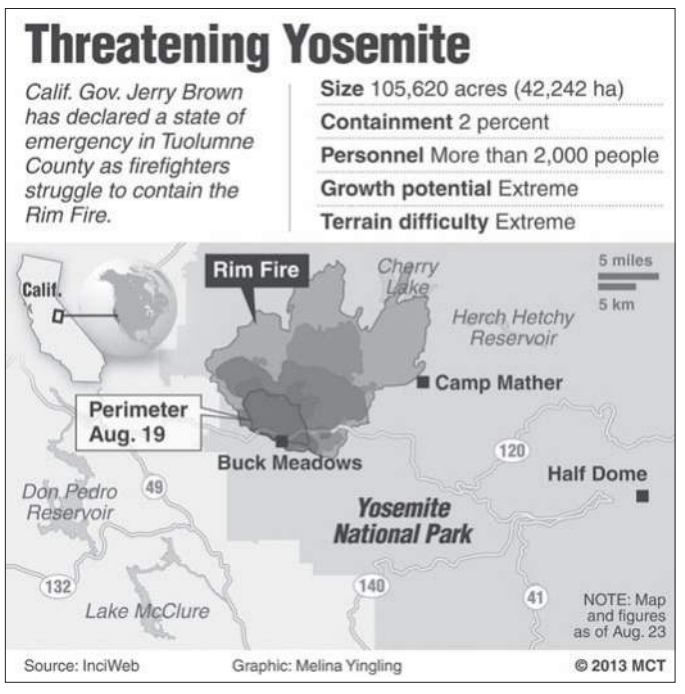
GROVELAND, Calif. (AP)—Fire crews are clearing brush and setting sprinklers to protect two groves of giant sequoias as a massive week-old wildfire rages along the remote northwest edge of Yosemite National Park.

The iconic trees can resist fire, but dry conditions and heavy brush are forcing park officials to take extra precautions in the Tuolumne and Merced groves. About three dozen of the giant trees are affected.

"All of the plants and trees in Yosemite are important, but the giant sequoias are incredibly important both for what they are and as symbols of the National Park System," park spokesman Scott Gediman said Saturday.

The trees grow naturally only on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada and are among the largest and oldest living things on earth.

The Tuolumne and Merced groves are in the north end of the park near Crane Flat. While the Rim Fire is still some distance away, park employees and trail crews are not taking any chances.



The fire was well into the northwest corner of the park, the U.S. Forest Service said.

More than 5,500 homes are threatened. Four were destroyed, though officials say the number could go up once they can safely assess burned areas.

Jessica Sanderson said one of her relatives gained access to the family's property in Groveland, just 26 miles from the park's entrance, on Saturday and was able to confirm their vacation cabin had burned to the ground.

The family saw firefighters on a TV news report a day earlier defending the cabin.

Asia

Bo: Ex-aide an unreliable witness

JINAN, China (AP)—Fallen Chinese politician Bo Xilai on Sunday sought to discredit his former top aide as a lying, unreliable witness as the ousted leader denied criminal responsibility in the country's messiest political scandal in decades.

Courtroom revelations in the politically charged trial have already exposed the unraveling of one of China's elite families, with Bo calling his wife "crazy" after she testified against him and saying she took their son abroad in fury after he had been unfaithful.

Bo told the Jinan Intermediate People's Court Sunday that his former right-hand man "was a person of very vile quality who first, lied in court, and secondly, muddied the waters."

At the close of Sunday morning's hearing, the court said all evidence had been presented and that the trial was adjourned till Monday.

The ruling Communist Party is using the trial against Bo to cap a major political scandal unleashed last year when his aide fled to a U.S. consulate bearing revelations that Bo's wife had killed a British businessman.

That scandal led to Bo's ouster as Politburo member and party leader of the southern megacity of Chongqing, making him the most senior leader to fall from power in years. His purge is being cemented by criminal charges of abusing his power by interfering in the murder investigation and trying to hide the defection, as well as netting $4.3 million through corruption.

High-profile trials of senior leaders are regarded as the result of backroom negotiations, with the outcome decided by politicians and carried out by courts. Still, Bo has mounted an unexpectedly spirited defense, recanting earlier confessions, disputing evidence against him and calling his wife, who testified against him, "crazy."

Court proceedings Saturday centered on events around the time when Bo's former top aide, Chongqing police chief Wang Lijun, drove to the American consulate in the nearby city of Chengdu in February 2012, fearing for his safety after he told Bo about the murder.

Amid corruption worry, Aquino to reform govt fund

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Benigno Aquino III promised Friday to reform a corruption-plagued system that allows lawmakers to allocate government funds for projects in their district after an audit found that millions of dollars were misused.

The government audit said last week that $141 million allocated over a three-year period was released to questionable aid groups and ghost projects identified by lawmakers as beneficiaries.

The scandal centered on a powerful businesswoman who allegedly collaborated with lawmakers in channeling some of the funds and went into hiding after she was charged with illegal detention of a whistle-blower.

Critics say the system promotes corruption, with citizens' and pressure groups calling for a protest rally Monday to demand that Aquino abolish the practice.

Aquino, who has made fighting against corruption a centerpiece of his administration, said there was nothing "intrinsically wrong" with the system but it has been abused by "a few greedy individuals."

AP

In this photo released by Malacanang Palace in Manila, Philippine President Benigno S. Aquino III, flanked by Senate President Franklin Drilon, left, and House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, speaks on nationwide television in Manila, Philippines, Friday Aug. 23, 2013.

He vowed to prosecute those responsible for misusing the fund.

"What is wrong—indeed, what has outraged our people—was the collusion among a former president ready to trade favors just to remain in power, legislators, and members of the bureaucracy who were willing to conspire, enabled by a passive and indifferent citizenry," Aquino said.

He was referring to his predecessor, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who has been detained in a hospital on corruption and election sabotage charges.

He said under the new system, legislators could still identify projects but they would need approval and would be closely scrutinized.

Aquino also issued guidelines to safeguard public funds, including the publication of bids and awarding of projects.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Fatal crocodile attack suspected in Australia

DARWIN, Australia (AP)—A 26-year-old birthday party goer has been snatched by a 5-meter (16-foot) crocodile while swimming in a notorious habitat of the dangerous reptiles, police said on Sunday. The man, whose name has not been released, was celebrating a friend's 30th birthday on Saturday at the Mary River Wilderness Retreat, an Outback tourist destination 70 miles (110 kilometers) southeast of the Northern Territory capital Darwin, the victim's hometown, Senior Sergeant Geoff Bahnert said. The victim and another man had gone swimming across the river. The pair were swimming back when the crocodile attacked, he said. "Several of the group in the party witnessed the male being taken in the jaws of the croc for a period of time, and then he was out of sight," Bahnert said. "The Mary River is known worldwide to have the greatest saturation of adult saltwater crocodiles in the world. You don't swim in the Mary River," he said.

Police nab 2 more suspects in Mumbai gang rape

NEW DELHI (AP)—Police were searching Sunday for a last suspect in the gang rape of a photojournalist in Mumbai after arresting two more men in a case that has fueled debate over whether women can be safe in India. The victim, a 22-year-old Indian woman, told Indian media she was anxious to return to work after Thursday night's assault, in which five men repeatedly raped her while her male colleague was beaten and tied up in an abandoned textile mill in the India's financial capital. "Rape is not the end of life," the woman was quoted Sunday by the Times of India as saying. Indian law forbids identifying rape victims by name. Police were searching for a last suspect and have said they have enough evidence to prosecute the five, including the victim's testimony and medical samples taken at the hospital after the assault.

World

Syria to US: Don't intervene

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—The Syrian government accused rebels of using chemical weapons Saturday and warned the United States not to launch any military action against Damascus over an alleged chemical attack last week, saying such a move would set the Middle East ablaze.

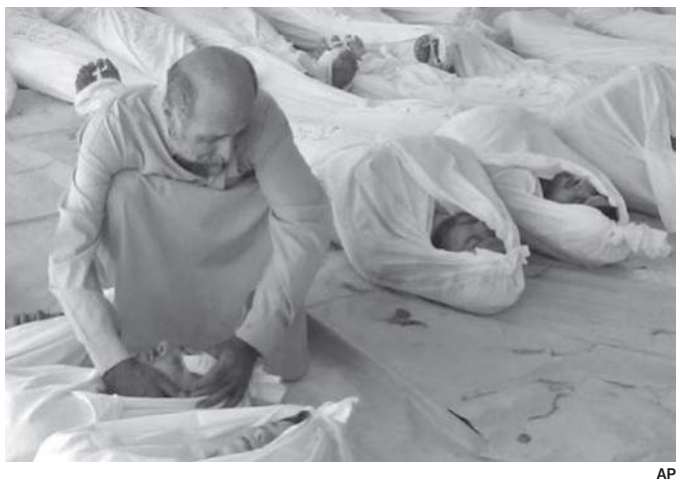
The accusations by the regime of President Bashar Assad against opposition forces came as an international aid group said it has tallied 355 deaths from a purported chemical weapons attack on Wednesday in a suburb of the Syrian capital known as Ghouta.

Syria is intertwined in alliances with Iran, Lebanese Hezbollah guerrillas and Palestinian militant groups. The country also borders its longtime foe and U.S. ally Israel, making the fallout from military action unpredictable.

Violence in Syria has already spilled over the past year to Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Battle-hardened Hezbollah fighters have joined the combat alongside Assad's forces.

Meanwhile, U.S. naval units are moving closer to Syria as President Barack Obama considers a military response to the alleged use of chemical weapons by Assad's government.

U.S. defense officials told The Associated Press that the Navy had sent a fourth warship armed with ballistic missiles into the eastern Mediterranean Sea but without immediate orders for any missile launch into Syria. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss ship movements publicly.



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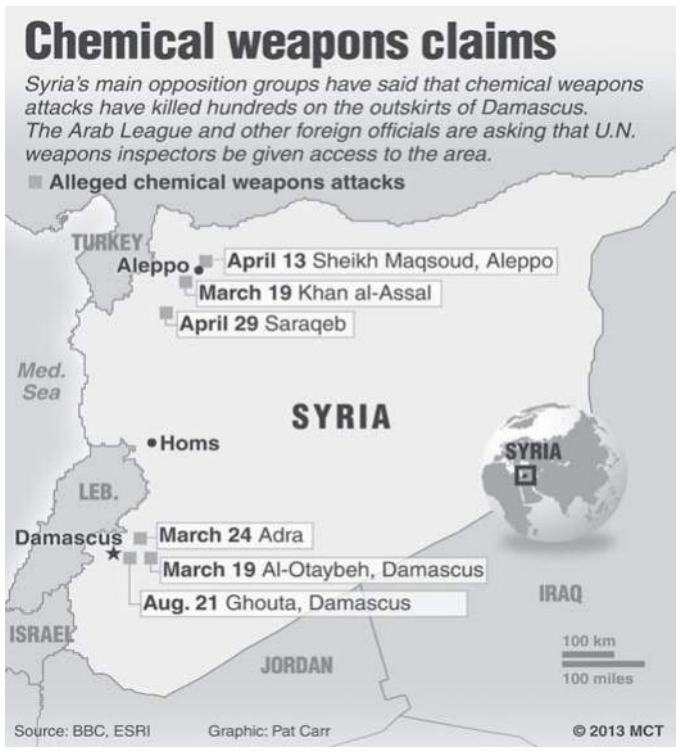
In this Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013, file citizen journalism image provided by the Media Office Of Douma City, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, a Syrian man mourns over a dead body after an alleged poisonous gas attack fired by regime forces, according to activists, in Douma town, Damascus, Syria.



WORLD BRIEFS

Egypt shortens curfew as unrest over coup wanes

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's government on Saturday shortened a widely-imposed evening curfew, signaling that authorities sense turmoil is waning after unrest following the president's ouster threatened to destabilize the country this month. The Cabinet's decision to cut the curfew by two hours came as Egypt's interim prime minister vowed that his government's priority is restoring security. Egypt experienced one of the deadliest bouts of violence in recent days since its Arab Spring began in 2011. Nationwide clashes and attacks killed more than 1,000 people after the security forces cleared two Cairo sit-ins belonging to supporters of toppled President Mohammed Morsi, overthrown in a popularly supported July 3 military coup. Since the unrest spiked, much of Egypt has been under a military-imposed nighttime curfew. Responding to citizens' demands, the government said in a statement Saturday that the 11 hour-long curfew would be in place daily for just nine hours. However, the full curfew would remain in place for Fridays, the first day of the weekend in Egypt and when last week's protests were incredibly fierce.

Lawyer: Amanda Knox won't attend new Italy trial

ROME (AP)—One of Amanda Knox's lawyers says the American won't return to Italy for a new appeals trial over the 2007 killing of her British roommate. In March, Italy's supreme court ordered a new trial for Knox and her former Italian boyfriend for the slaying of Meredith Kercher in Perugia, where they were students. An appeals court in 2011 had acquitted both, overturning convictions by a lower court. The new appeals trial begins in Florence on Sept. 30. Florence daily La Nazione quoted lawyer Luciano Ghirga Saturday as saying he recently met with Knox and fellow defense team members in the U.S., and that the American confirmed what her lawyers said right after the supreme court ruling—she won't return to Italy for the new trial.

Greenpeace says its ship enters Russian Arctic

MOSCOW (AP)—The environmental group Greenpeace says one of its ships has defied Russian authorities and entered Arctic waters to protest against oil drilling. Greenpeace says Russia this week denied permission for its Arctic Sunrise ship to enter the Kara Sea, a section of the Arctic Ocean off Siberia. But the ship entered the waters on Saturday morning, Greenpeace said in a statement. The group is protesting offshore oil exploration adjacent to Russia's Arctic National Park, which is habitat for polar bears, walrus and other animals. The exploration is being conducted by state oil company Rosneft and ExxonMobil. Greenpeace campaigner Christy Ferguson said in a statement that if the companies bring in oil drilling platforms, there's a risk of oil blowouts and spills that could severely damage the park.

Focus

‘Free at last,’
Mandela said, quoting King

In this May 2, 1994 file photo Nelson Mandela, and Coretta Scott King, left, widow of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., sing and dance at a victory celebration for Mandela in Johannesburg, after Mandela and the ANC appeared to take the majority of the votes in the country’s first integrated elections.

AP

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—The speaker, one of the world’s most recognizable black leaders, was addressing a joint session of the U.S. Congress when he quoted America’s top civil rights leader. “Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty we are free at last,” Nelson Mandela said to a standing ovation, quoting words delivered in a speech whose 50th anniversary comes next week.

Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr. never met but they fought for the same cause at the same time on two continents. Mandela said he was prepared to die to see his dream of a society where blacks and whites were equal become reality. King was assassinated in 1968 while working for that same dream.

Mandela spent 27 years in prison during white racist rule in South Africa. Released in 1990, he went on to become president and shared the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize with the white South African president, F.W. de Klerk. King won his Nobel Peace Prize nearly 30 years earlier.

Mandela traveled to the United States after he was released and he spoke at Yankee Stadium, telling the crowd that an unbreakable umbilical cord connected black South Africans and black Americans. There was a kinship between the two, Mandela wrote in his autobiography, inspired by such great Americans as W.E.B. Du Bois and King.

King, for his part, was unable to visit South Africa. In 1966 he applied for a visa after accepting invitations to speak to university students and to religious groups but the apartheid government refused to give him one. In December 1965, King delivered a speech in New York in which he denounced the white rulers of South Africa as “spectacular savages and brutes” and called on the U.S. and Europe to boycott the nation, a tactic the West eventually embraced and that helped end white rule.

“In South Africa today, all opposition to white supremacy is condemned as communism, and in its name, due process is destroyed,” King said. “A medieval segregation is organized with 20th century efficiency and drive. A sophisticated form of slavery is imposed by a minority upon a majority which is kept in grinding poverty. The dignity of human personality is defiled; and world opinion is arrogantly defied.”

King and Mandela were inspirational symbols for huge freedom struggles happening in both countries, said Clay Carson, a Stanford professor and director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Research and Education Institute.

“I think both of them were moral leaders. Both were people who had very strong principles, stuck to those principles even in the face of criticisms, and in Mandela’s case being in prison for such a long time,” said Carson.

King’s widow, Coretta Scott King, attended Mandela’s 1994 inauguration as South Africa’s first black president. She was on the podium as Mandela gave his speech at a celebration. “I looked over to her as I made reference to her husband’s immortal words ... `Free at last! Free at last!’” Mandela wrote in his autobiography “Long Walk to Freedom.”

> *The only way you’re going to get anything is by making your enemy your friend.*

Mandela again quoted from the “I Have a Dream” speech—”Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty we are free at last”—during his 1994 address to the U.S. Congress. Mandela, 95, has been hospitalized since June, much of that time in critical condition.

Denis Goldberg, a close Mandela friend who spent two decades in prison while Mandela was incarcerated, noted that one major difference between America’s and South Africa’s racial equality struggle was that U.S. blacks were a minority in their country while blacks in South Africa “were an oppressed majority.”

Carson puts King and Mandela in the same category as Mahatma Gandhi, India’s nonviolent independence leader. Both Mandela and King were influenced by Gandhi.

“In the end what set them apart is they held so firmly to their principles regardless of their consequences and issues of popularity,” he said. “And I think in all three cases what they fundamentally offered is a way out of a conflict that in the hands of others would have ended up in a violent resolution. What they did was offer to the other side a vision of a shared future.”

Unlike King, whose nonviolent ways were rooted in his deep religious faith, Mandela gave reasoned arguments for why violence should be used as a means to bring about change, said Charlene Smith, an authorized biographer of Mandela. Mandela received training from the Algerian National Liberation Front in Morocco in 1962, according to the Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory.

Mandela didn’t think South Africa’s white leaders would listen to reason and that the only way to bring about change was to fight, said Smith, the author of three books on the former president, including “Mandela: In Celebration of a Great Life.”

Mandela spent 18 years at Robben Island, a prison that America’s first black president—Barack Obama—visited in June. It was at Robben Island, Smith said, that Mandela learned to befriend hostile guards who could allow prisoners radios and newspapers.

“The only way you’re going to get anything is by making your enemy your friend,” Smith said. “And he shows it over and over again when he comes out of prison.”

King made his famous speech on Aug. 28, 1963, during the March on Washington, a civil rights event that drew approximately 250,000 people to the National Mall.

“I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood ... I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character,” King said.

A year later, Mandela also spoke of harmony when he said these words during a trial that ended with him being sentenced to life in prison: “I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.”

Health & Fitness

Prostate cancer tumors' aggressiveness may be inherently fixed

By MONTE MORIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—A new study of prostate cancer suggests that a tumor's aggressiveness is inherently fixed at the time of its appearance, although diet, lifestyle and environmental factors may trigger progression of the disease in low-level cases.

The findings, published Wednesday in the journal Cancer Research, add to mounting evidence that many small, slow-growing prostate tumors can be left in the body and carefully monitored instead of being treated with surgery, radiation, hormone therapy or drugs.

Doctors call this approach "active surveillance," and it's increasingly seen as a way to reduce the risk that men will suffer side effects like incontinence and erectile dysfunction after treating tumors that would not have killed them. The National Cancer Institute estimates that 238,590 men will be newly diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, though the tumors are generally slow-growing and most patients will die of something else.

Researchers set out to determine whether prostate tumors begin as indolent growths and become more dangerous over time, or whether their level of aggressiveness remains constant.

To accomplish this, the study authors examined 1,200 cases of men who had their prostates removed from 1982 to 2004 because of cancer. The sample consisted of men who were diagnosed before and after the introduction of the prostate-specific antigen test in the early 1990s, which became a popular tool to diagnose prostate cancer in men who had not yet developed symptoms of the disease.

The researchers focused on two measures that are often used to predict a tumor's behavior. The first measure, stage, describes the extent to which a cancer has spread. The second measure, Gleason score, describes just how normal or abnormal cells are within in the diseased tissue.

As expected, the incidence of advanced-stage cancers plummeted after the introduction of PSA screening, because more cancers were caught early. Late-stage cancers, defined as T3 or higher, made up 20 percent of the cases diagnosed from 1982 to 1993, but constituted only 3 percent of the cases diagnosed from 2000 to 2004, the researchers discovered.

In contrast, the number of high Gleason grade cancers—those above 8—held relatively steady: They made up 25 percent of the sampling from 1982 to 1993, and dropped to 18 percent in 2000 to 2004. That difference was not deemed statistically significant.

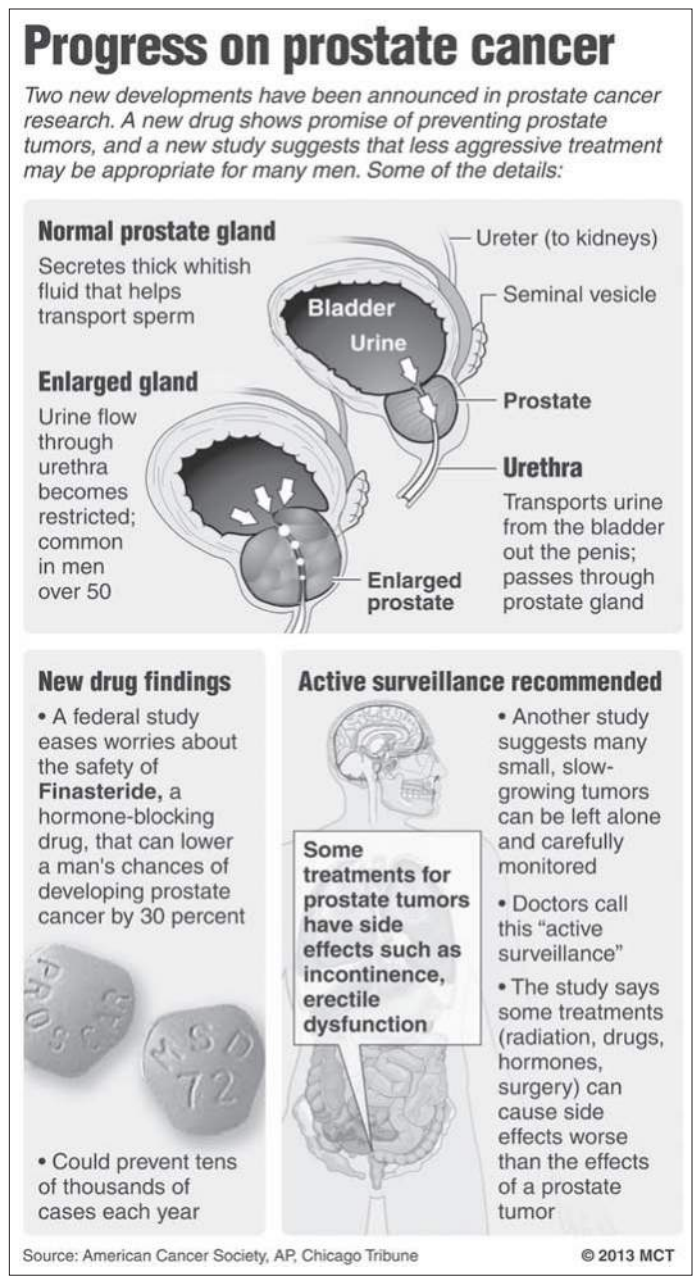
The researchers determined that the cancer's aggressiveness must remain fixed; otherwise, high Gleason scores would have dropped more sharply, in line with the advanced-stage cancers.

Study leader Kathryn Penney, an epidemiologist at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard School of Public Health, said the results supported the idea of active surveillance for most prostate cancer patients.

"This isn't a reason in and of itself to take active surveillance," she said. "But if a patient's physician recommends active surveillance, and the patient agrees, this finding can make a man feel more comfortable about making that choice."

However, Penney acknowledged that there were still men with high grades of the disease who survived and men with low grades who died of illness.

"We think that while Gleason itself might be a fixed characteristic, there are likely other factors that are playing a role," such as diet and lifestyle factors like smoking, she said.


Progress on prostate cancer
Two new developments have been announced in prostate cancer research. A new drug shows promise of preventing prostate tumors, and a new study suggests that less aggressive treatment may be appropriate for many men. Some of the details:
Normal prostate gland
Secretes thick whitish fluid that helps transport sperm
Ureter (to kidneys)
Seminal vesicle
Bladder
Urine
Prostate
Urethra
Transports urine from the bladder out the penis; passes through prostate gland
Enlarged gland
Urine flow through urethra becomes restricted; common in men over 50
Enlarged prostate
New drug findings
• A federal study eases worries about the safety of Finasteride, a hormone-blocking drug, that can lower a man's chances of developing prostate cancer by 30 percent
• Could prevent tens of thousands of cases each year
Active surveillance recommended
• Another study suggests many small, slow-growing tumors can be left alone and carefully monitored
• Doctors call this "active surveillance"
• The study says some treatments (radiation, drugs, hormones, surgery) can cause side effects worse than the effects of a prostate tumor
Some treatments for prostate tumors have side effects such as incontinence, erectile dysfunction
Source: American Cancer Society, AP, Chicago Tribune
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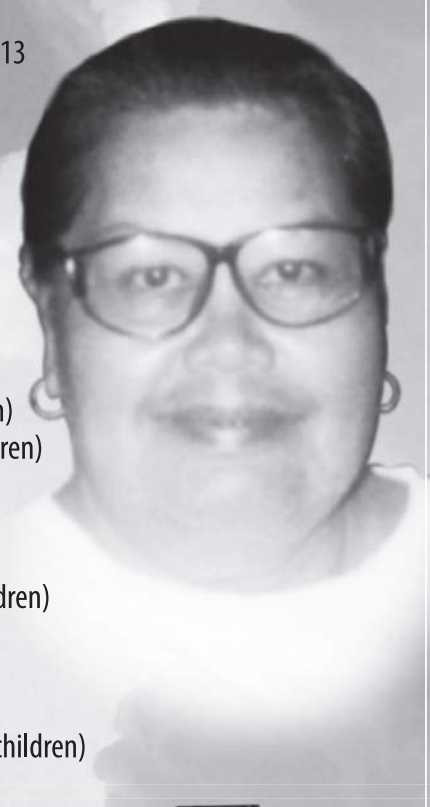
Death & Funeral Announcement

Juanita Taimanao Pangelinan

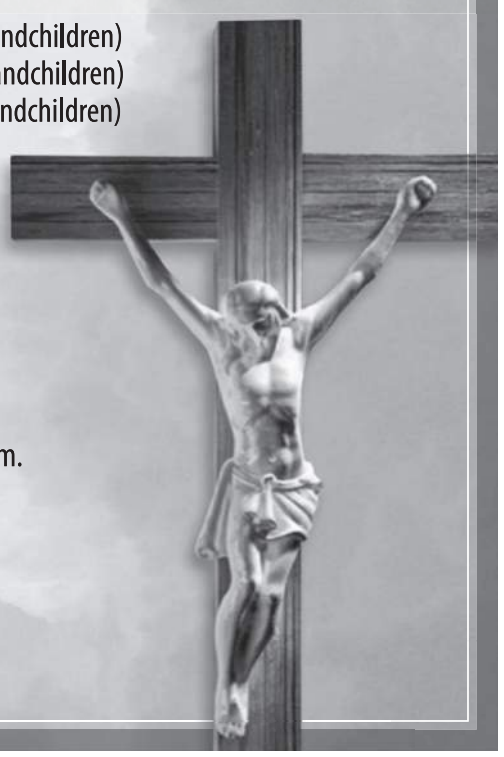
of Navy Hill was called to her eternal rest in the grace of our Lord on Monday, August 19, 2013 at Salem, Oregon at the age of 63.



In her new life, she now joins her:
Husband: †Jose SN Pangelinan (Bolis)
Father: †Ramon Taimanao (Rota)

She is survived by her:
Mother: Ana Atalig Taimanao
Children: Joaquin and Daughter (Grandchildren)
Rita/John and Daughters (Grandchildren)
Bernadita and Son
Antonio
Victoria and Children (Grandchildren)
Susana/Nick and Children (Grandchildren)
Ignacia/Adam and Daughter

Brothers/Sisters and In-Laws:
Louis/Geraldine and Children (Grandchildren)
Sixto and Children
Calista/William and Children (Grandchildren)
Andrea/Jerome and Children (Grandchildren)
Cecilia/Thomas and Children (Grandchildren)
Alfonso/Sonia and Children
Marianne/Murphy and Children
Berlinda and Daughter



She is also survived by numerous Uncles, Aunts, Cousins, Nieces & Nephews.

Mass is offered daily at Kristo Rai Church beginning Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 6:00 a.m.

Your prayers and presences are greatly appreciated.

Personal Trainer
Contact lens safety for swimmers
Swimming pool chlorine can irritate the eyes of those who swim with contact lenses, but a more serious concern is the risk of infection.
Hazard: Microbes and soft lenses
Staphylococcus bacteria
Amoeba (a microorganism)
More of a problem in lakes and oceans but can also live in swimming pool water
Highest risk Extended-wear lenses left in overnight
Lower risk Soft (hydrophilic) lenses removed at night
Lowest risk Hard, gas-permeable lenses
Protection: Goggles and lens care
Correct fit
Goggles should rest on bone around eye; not on soft tissue in eye socket
Corrective lenses
Fit into front of goggles; custom-made or sold off-the-shelf in common strengths
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If you swim in contact lenses
• Remove after swimming and clean well
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In Celebration of Her New Life

†Josephine Songsong Sablan

Lovingly known as *"Ofing"*

March 30, 1956 – August 19, 2013

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:

Father-in-law: †Herman Atalig Sablan

Paternal/Maternal Grandparents:
†Juan Aguon Babauta and †Concepcion Crisostimo Babauta
†Andres Manglona Songsong and †Jacoba Ayuyu Songsong
†Vicente Ayuyu and †Francisca Mendiola Ayuyu
†Benigno Olopomar Sablan and †Consolacion Atalig Sablan

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Husband: **Benjamin Ayuyu Sablan "Kappon"**
Daughter and Family: **Kimberly Songsong Sablan & Oscar Padilla**
(Benjamin Joerone & Ian Antonio)
Parents: **Vicente Ayuyu Songsong and Maria Babauta Songsong**
Mother-in-law: **Ana Ayuyu Sablan**

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:

Joseph B. and *Maria M. Songsong* (Ann Marie Songsong/Oscar Quitugua [Kahra], Roger Lee [Roger Lee Jr.], Carlene Songsong/Jose Pinaula [Clayton, Brandon, Blake] and Vincent & Sophia Songsong [Kylie])
Manuel B. and *Fairie L. Songsong* (Carol S. & Frank Demapan, Jr. [Christian] and Camell & Noe [Zoie]).
Ricardo B. and *Carmel R. Songsong* (Jason, Joshua, Kiana Songsong and Georgia Salas & children.
Joaquin B. and *Nancy I. Songsong* (Andrew Songsong/Jennifer Babauta [Brayden], Crystal Songsong/Donald [Christopher]).
Francisco B. and *Maryann S. Songsong* (Francisco Jr. Songsong, Mychelle Songsong/Jermaine Manglona [Eziah], Francine Songsong/James Jr. Toves [Keidan, Kuah, Leo & Luka] and Kyle Songsong).
Diego B. and *Maryjane D. Songsong* (Jacqueline, Kurt, Sheila & Gilbert).
Maryann S. and *John You* (Bernadette You)
Patricia B. Songsong and *Joseph Brian Santos* (Keo Delos Santos & Ana Manglona [Millia], Austin Delos Santos, Simon Delos Santos, Blaise Delos Santos, Chayanne Delos Santos, Keanu Delos Santos, Chantielle Delos Santos & Joseph Brian, Jr. Delos Santos)

George A. & Dolores B. Sablan, (Charlene J. & Jacob Luey [Tholman, Jaylene, Jayden], George B. Sablan Jr., Carmen B. Sablan & †Henry Tudela, Dora Lynn S. & Rodney Tenorio [Mia Amber], Cecil S. and Elmer Diaz [Noah, Alana, & Eva], and Caroline B. Sablan
†Frances S. & Jesus E. Lagadia (Jennifer S. Cavanaugh [Jeremiah], Vince Sablan/Sanivette Babauta, and Maryann S. Lagadia/Sherman Santos [Dylan]).
Belinda S. & John C. Tenorio (John, Annalyn, Marlayna & Ashley)

Caretaker: Edith Quindica

She is also survived by numerous Godchildren, Uncles, Aunts, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated daily at 06:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church. Holy Rosary is prayed each evening at 07:30 pm at Kristo Rai Church.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 07:00 a.m. to Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso Services will be at 07:30 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS

Benjamin Ayuyu Sablan "Kappon"
Kimberly S. Sablan & Oscar Padilla and children
Vicente A. and Maria B. Songsong
Ana A. Sablan

Life & Style

Linda Ronstadt tells AARP she has Parkinson's

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Linda Ronstadt says she suffers from Parkinson's disease, which has robbed her ability to sing.

The 67-year-old music legend tells AARP Magazine, in an article posted online Friday, that she was diagnosed eight months ago and "can't sing a note."

Ronstadt says she began to show symptoms as long as eight years ago, but attributed her inability to sing then to a tick disease. When her hands began to tremble, Ronstadt said she thought the shaking was the result of a shoulder operation.

She said she was "completely shocked" when she finally saw a neurologist and was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. "I wouldn't have suspected that in a million, billion years.

"No one can sing with Parkinson's disease," Ronstadt told AARP music writer Alanna Nash. "No matter how hard you try."

Ronstadt

Ronstadt sold tens of millions of records starting in the 1970s with pop hits like "You're No Good" and "When Will I Be Loved." But she also segued into country, pop standards and mariachi music, among other genres.

In addition, the singer was known for her romances with California Gov. Jerry Brown and filmmaker George Lucas.

Ronstadt now uses poles to walk on uneven ground and a wheelchair when traveling, the AARP story said.

Her autobiography will be released next month, but makes no mention of Parkinson's or the loss of her voice, according to AARP.

The singer's New York-based managers did not immediately respond to requests from The Associated Press for comment.

Toronto mayor defeats Hulk Hogan in arm-wrestling

TORONTO (AP)—Toronto's larger-than-life mayor took down wrestling star Hulk Hogan in a friendly arm-wrestling match Friday to kick off an annual pop culture convention.

The 14-time world wrestling champion, in a T-shirt and his trademark bandana, entered the room to applause and his old wrestling theme music, while Mayor Rob Ford strutted in to "Eye of the Tiger." Ford ripped off his jacket and tie, untucked his dress shirt and rolled up his sleeves.

"Big man, oh, that's all you got?" Hogan asked Ford, who weighs in at 307 pounds (139 kilograms) as the pair locked hands.

Toronto City Mayor Rob Ford, left, takes on professional wrestler Hulk Hogan in an arm-wrestling match to promote Fan Expo in Toronto on Friday, Aug. 23, 2013 . AP

"Not only am I going to rip this arm off, I'm going to take your job while I'm at it, brother. Mayor Hogan," he added.

A sweating Ford seemed to struggle at first. But after 20 some seconds of trash talk and stalemate, he slammed Hogan's arm down.

"I own this town!" Ford said.

Hogan grimaced. "That was a setup," he said, without a hint of irony.

"The only reason he beat me is because he's younger," the 60-year-old Hogan said of the 44-year-old mayor, whom he nicknamed "Fantastic Ford."

"It was like wrestling a friggin' grizzly bear," Ford said of the 302-pound (136-kilogram) wrestler.

The event took place at Fan Expo Canada, a convention celebrating diverse pop culture genres.

Hogan, whose real name is Terry Bollea, was in Toronto for an "uncensored" question-and-answer session at the expo.

Ford most recently made world news over allegations that he appeared in a video smoking crack cocaine. The video has not been released publicly.

When asked if he thought the alleged video of the mayor was real, Hogan responded, "I'm hungry."

Ford said Hogan has been his hero since he was a "little guy." He tweeted after the match, "I own this town @ HulkHogan! Thanks for being such a great sport."

The wrestler also took to Twitter: "Just arm wrestled Mayor Ford from Toronto, had a great time brother."

Wong Kar-wai has a hit with 'The Grandmaster'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Wong Kar-wai swears he's seen people fly.

The acclaimed Hong Kong director crossed China meeting 100 kung fu masters as research for "The Grandmaster," his new film about Bruce Lee's teacher.

He said that during demonstrations, fighters would "get knocked and fly" across a room in the lightweight manner most of us only see in movies.

Wong's travels were part of a seven-year journey to bring his take on Chinese martial arts legend Ip Man to the screen, during which time others released a series of popular films about the same man. Still, "The Grandmaster" is Wong's biggest hit, with his stylized emotional imagery punctuated by crowd-pleasing combat featuring stars Tony Leung and Ziyi Zhang.

AP

In this Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013 file photo, from left, actor Tony Leung, director Wong Kar Wai and actress Zhang Ziyi stand for photographers at a news conference for the film The Grandmaster at the 63rd Berlinale international film festival in Berlin.

While his films tend toward the poetic, Wong said he's hoping for a concrete outcome for "The Grandmaster," opening in limited release in the U.S. on Friday after earning $55 million worldwide. Wearing his signature dark sunglasses, he sat down to talk about the movie, the state of Chinese martial arts and censors.

AP: Why did it take so long for "The Grandmaster" to come together?

Wong: It's very hard to understand Ip Man without knowing or showing the audience the time that he went through and the background of his family. So actually we have to rebuild the whole period. It's a very expensive film. ... (It was) not until seven years ago that the market of China became more and more mature, so we finally found the financing to support this film. Also, we had to do lots of training. Because our actors, they're very good actors. But they have no training in martial arts. We want to make a hardcore kung fu film. It's not stunts and CGI tricks. ... We actually shot for 22 months over three years, during which we stopped twice because Tony (Leung) broke his arm during practice and rehearsal. So you see, it's not easy to make a kung fu film.

AP: When did you first learn about Ip Man? What was his mythology and impact on you when you were growing up?

Wong: I was growing up on a street full of martial arts schools. ... So we heard of Ip Man when I was a kid. And he was quite highly respected in the world of martial arts at his time. But he was quite an anonymous figure to general people. It was because of Bruce Lee that he became a legend. ... There's lots of misinterpretations about Chinese martial arts. ... In those days, martial arts was not for poor people. Because they couldn't afford it. ... When there's people trying to visit you to have a challenge, you have to feed them, you have to provide places for them to live, then you have to send them with gifts. So you need to be rich to be able to afford, to study martial arts. That's why it's so great about Ip Man is he popularized Wing Chun. Instead of $27, he asks only like 80 cents to teach this skill. It's not just for money. Of course he has to make his living, but he also wants to make it for everyone.

AP: How was it seeing the Donnie Yen Ip Man films come out before yours?

Wong: They are more like about the action. And they invent stories like Ip Man fighting the Japanese, which is not true, Ip Man fighting with white Westerners, which is not true. But it's good to have stories about Ip Man. People pay attention, and to bring awareness about Chinese martial arts, I think it's OK.

AP: The film is already a big hit in China. How do Chinese audiences react differently than international audiences?

Wong: We all know in the last 30 years, China has went through very rapid changes. During this process, we see a lot of traditional values have been forgotten. To me the so-called modernization of China is simply adopting Western values. And it's time for us to return to our roots, discover some of our heritage, especially like martial arts, Chinese martial arts. The funny thing is, in China today, martial arts exists in two forms. The one that is encouraged by the government is called competitive martial arts, which is considered as a sport. So there's no school. It's a combination of different skills from different schools and it's for the Olympics. ... And the other form, called traditional martial arts, exists only among individuals, without the support of the state or any resources. ... This tradition of Chinese martial arts is not in very good shape. And in fact, I think what makes me very happy is the success of this film in China actually springs the awareness. Like well maybe it's time for us to revisit this and someone should take care of this tradition of Chinese martial arts.

AP: How much do you have to pay attention to the Chinese film industry's censorship? How much does it affect your storytelling?

Wong: For a film like 'The Grandmaster,' you don't have any problems with the film censor departments. ... The problem is there's no ratings system in China. So that means films are supposed to be seen by all ages. So they're very sensitive to like superstitions and pornography and something related to politics. And other than that, they are very supportive.

AP: Does censorship affect the stories you decide to tell as you look forward to your next project?

Wong: Yes, of course, you know the rules there. But the thing is, it's also time for the censor departments to consider applying ratings systems. And I think they've been doing research on this, how to apply the system to the Chinese societies. And once we have this ratings system, I think there will be more flexibility for filmmakers.

Kanye West unveils photo of baby on TV's 'Kris'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Baby North West has made her television debut.

Kanye West showed a photo Friday of his 2-month-old daughter with Kim Kardashian on Kris Jenner's Fox show, "Kris." The family matriarch also posted an image of her granddaughter on Twitter.

Though cameras constantly follow the Kardashian clan, this is the first time the newest member of the family has been publicly unveiled. The photo shows a brown-haired baby reaching toward the camera.

West also discussed fatherhood and his relationship with Kardashian. He called her "my joy" and said "she brought my new joy into the world."

But he acknowledged being a new dad in the spotlight isn't easy.

"I'm supposed to be this musical genius and everything," he said, "but I really can't work the car seat that well."

He said parenting has brought him and Kardashian closer because "there's someone more important to us than us for the first time."

Stars of reality show 'Pawn Stars' meet Asian fans

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The stars of the cable reality show "Pawn Stars" have left their Las Vegas pawn shop to meet fans in Southeast Asia. And one of them says he never thought they would be so popular.

Father-and-son duo Richard and Corey Harrison run the pawn shop with the family patriarch. They offered tips to fans in Manila about bargaining and putting value on things.

On the Philippine TV show "ANC Mornings," Corey Harrison said Friday that he never thought the show would be a hit in the U.S., much less around the world.

Before the show began airing in 2009, their shop usually had fewer than 70 customers a day. Now it sees 3,000 on a slow day, he said.

"Celebrities are starting to drift into the pawn shop. They're seeing it on TV and they want to come check it out," he said.

He said Steve Carrell will be on an episode coming up soon. "It was really kind of strange asking Steve, like, 'Hey man, do you mind, I know you make millions of dollars in these movies, will you be on my show for free real quick?'"

Alec Baldwin and wife give birth to daughter in NY

NEW YORK (AP)—Actor Alec Baldwin and his wife have given birth to a baby girl in New York.

Hilaria Baldwin tweeted the news from her verified Twitter account Friday night. She says the family is overjoyed and that Carmen Gabriela "is absolutely perfect."

The former "30 Rock" star already is the father of a 17-year-old daughter, Ireland, from his previous marriage to actress Kim Basinger.

Hilaria Baldwin is a special correspondent for the TV show "Extra." The couple wed last June after a three-month engagement.

On her verified Twitter account, Ireland Baldwin welcomed her new sister into the world and linked to a blog post with 10 pieces of advice for the newborn.

An agent for Alec Baldwin and a publicist have not returned requests for comment.

Affleck to play Batman in 'Man of Steel' sequel

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ben Affleck will don Batman's cape and cowl.

Warner Bros. announced Thursday that the 41-year-old actor-director will star as a new incarnation of the Dark Knight in a film bringing Batman and Superman together.

The studio said Affleck will star opposite 30-year-old Henry Cavill, who will reprise his role as Superman from "Man of Steel." The movie will also feature "Man of Steel" stars Amy Adams as Lois Lane, Laurence Fishburne as Perry White and Diane Lane as Martha Kent.

The big-screen DC Comics superhero mash-up was first revealed by director Zack Snyder at last month's Comic-Con International in San Diego.

Snyder, who will direct the sequel written by "Man of Steel" screenwriter David S. Goyer, said in a statement that Affleck will provide an "interesting counter-balance" to Cavill's Clark Kent.

AP

In this Feb. 24, 2013 photo, actor/director Ben Affleck arrives at the 2013 Vanity Fair Oscars Viewing and After Party, at the Sunset Plaza Hotel in West Hollywood, Calif.

"(Affleck) has the acting chops to create a layered portrayal of a man who is older and wiser than Clark Kent and bears the scars of a seasoned crime fighter, but retain the charm that the world sees in billionaire Bruce Wayne," said Snyder. "I can't wait to work with him."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Lovato to appear in multiple episodes of 'Glee'

NEW YORK (AP)—Demi Lovato is taking her big voice to "Glee." The 21-year-old singer-actress will appear in multiple episodes of the show's upcoming fifth season, her publicist confirmed Friday. "Glee" star Lea Michele tweeted Thursday that she was excited that two of her "very best friends"—Lovato and Broadway vet Phoebe Strole—would appear on the Fox show, and thanked creator Ryan Murphy for making it happen. Lovato is in her second year as a mentor on "The X Factor." She starred on the Disney Channel's "Sonny With a Chance" for two seasons. The new season of "Glee" premieres Sept. 26 at 9 p.m. EDT.

Patrick Dempsey out of Tully's Coffee venture

SEATTLE (AP)—Actor Patrick Dempsey and his business partner in the venture that acquired Tully's Coffee out of bankruptcy have dissolved their partnership. In a joint statement late Friday, the "Grey's Anatomy" star and California lawyer Michael Avenatti said their legal dispute has been fully resolved. Court documents filed Aug. 20 in Dempsey's King County Superior Court lawsuit against Avenatti said the lawyer initially was the sole owner of Global Baristas LLC. The documents say Dempsey joined Global Baristas a short time later. The ownership group prevailed against other bidders including Starbucks in an auction of more than 40 Puget Sound-area Tully's stores. Dubbed "McDreamy" on the TV hospital drama, Dempsey was the public face of the successful bid. He said Friday he was "happy to have been a part of the effort that brought awareness to the Tully's brand." Avenatti spokeswoman Suzy Quinn says the lawyer, "with other investors and the Tully's management team," will continue operating the stores. A report on the dispute was first carried in The Seattle Times.

Boxing great Tyson surprises upstate NY wedding

VERONA, New York (AP)—An upstate New York wedding went an extra round when boxing great Mike Tyson just happened to stumble upon the wedding party posing for pictures. The Observer-Dispatch of Utica reports Saturday the Brooklyn-born boxer was crossing the lawn of the Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, New York, as Greg and Amber Keller snapped photos with their bridesmaids and groomsmen Friday evening. Greg Keller says Tyson posed for photographs, congratulated the happy bride and groom on their union and was "extremely nice." Tyson, a Hall of Famer, was in Verona for his first promotional fight card featuring boxers from his newly created "Iron Mike Productions."

The newly married man says Tyson's surprise cameo energized the evening's celebrations.

Sides agree to drop Paula Deen discrimination suit

SAVANNAH, Georgia (AP)—Lawyers signed a deal Friday to drop a discrimination and sexual harassment lawsuit against celebrity cook Paula Deen, who was dumped by the Food Network and other business partners after she said under oath that she had used racial slurs in the past. A document filed in U.S. District Court in Savannah said both sides agreed to drop the lawsuit "without any award of costs or fees to any party." No other details of the agreement were released. The judge in the case had not signed an order to finalize the dismissal. Former employee Lisa Jackson last year sued Deen and her brother, Bubba Hiers, saying she suffered from sexual harassment and racially offensive talk and employment practices that were unfair to black workers during her five years as a manager of Uncle Bubba's Seafood and Oyster House. Deen is co-owner of the restaurant, which is primarily run by her brother.

Wife wants her husband to show her some sugar

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Ray," and I have been together for eight years, married for one. He is a great husband who works hard, is responsible, healthy, and he does half the household chores. He also tries to stay in great shape. We have a lot in common. My only problem is how Ray shows his love for me.

Ray says he expresses his love by doing what needs to be done—repairs, yard work, grocery shopping, etc. I appreciate it, but it doesn't feel like love to me. I'd like him to buy me flowers, send me handwritten notes, take me to romantic candlelit dinners, etc. I reciprocate by giving him back rubs, baking him his favorite pie and buying him small gifts.

How can I get my husband to understand that it would be good for our marriage to give each other these "extra" acts of sweetness? We have talked about it, but he hasn't changed.

DEMONSTRATING LOVE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR DEMONSTRATING LOVE: You can't dictate how someone "should" express love. If the gestures you're looking for don't come naturally, it really is defeating the purpose to demand it. Many women would kill to have a husband who demonstrated his love by doing all the things your husband does.

Unless Ray has suddenly changed since your wedding, this is the person he was all during your seven-year courtship. The chances of him changing to any great degree are slim, so try to accept him the way he is, and you'll both be happier.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in our early 30s and both have full-time jobs. Because of our busy work schedules and a general lack of desire to be parents, we have decided not to have children. We have nothing against kids, but we feel it isn't the best fit for our lifestyle.

The problem is my mother. She has a small farm I was always told I would one day inherit and move back to. My degree is in agriculture, and my husband and I have been saving for this for some time. Mom now says unless we have a child to pass the farm onto, we can't have it.

I am devastated about not being able to fulfill our dream and the pressure of my mother trying to force parenthood on us. I refuse to cave into her demand, but I'm not sure how to handle myself around her. Should I cut off contact until she stops badgering me? Should I just let her remarks go? I am sad and hurt to have been put in this position. Any advice?

CORNERED IN OHIO

DEAR CORNERED: People who don't want to be parents usually don't make very good ones—and to bring a child into the world in order to get your hands on your mother's farm would be unfair to the child.

I see no reason to cut off your mother. When she raises this subject again (and she will), tell her that even if you had a baby "to pass the farm onto," there is no guarantee the child would WANT it. In the meantime, continue saving your money so you will have a sufficient down payment for a farm of your own -- no strings attached.

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DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for years and like it. But now I think you must be a man. I still like the column, maybe even more, but you do seem like a man. Are you one? Or is Abby a committee?

CURIOUS IN TUCSON

DEAR CURIOUS: I heard a rumor years ago that Dear Abby was an overweight, unshaven, cigar-smoking man, but I assure you it isn't true. (I'd sure like to know who started THAT one.) I write my own column, and this morning when I emerged from my shower and looked in the mirror, I was definitely female. I promise to keep you posted if anything changes.

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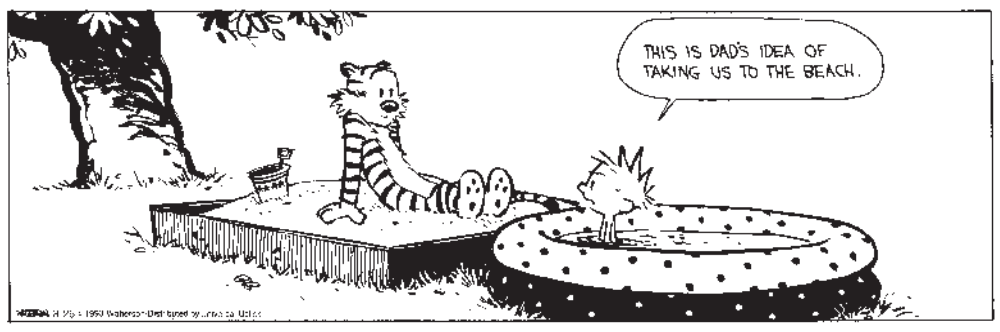
By Bill Waterson



Garfield®

By Jim Davis

IT'S TIME FOR THE *BEE-DEE-DEE-DEE-DEE* CAT WEATHER REPORT
I'M NOT LEAVING THE HOUSE, SO THE WEATHER DOESN'T MATTER
THIS HAS BEEN THE *BEE-DEE-DEE-DEE-DEE* CAT WEATHER REPORT
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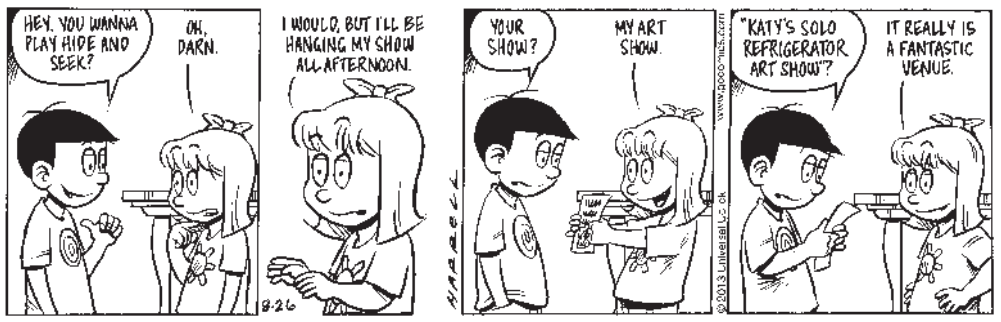
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


HEY, YOU WANNA PLAY HIDE AND SEEK?
OH, DARN.
I WOULD, BUT I'LL BE HANGING MY SHOW ALL AFTERNOON.
YOUR SHOW?
MY ART SHOW.
"KATY'S SOLO REFRIGERATOR ART SHOW"?
IT REALLY IS A FANTASTIC VENUE.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR, GINA?
IT WOULD BE MORE ENJOYABLE IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE SPOILED, BRATTY TROUBLEMAKERS.
DO YOU HAVE A LOT OF KIDS LIKE THAT?
I'M TALKING ABOUT SOME OF THE PARENTS.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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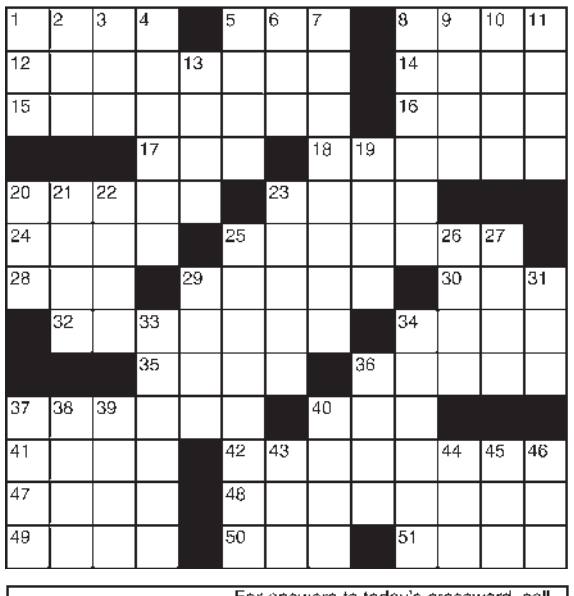

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estate of MARIA A. ATALIG	**Civil Action No. 13-0131**
Deceased.	**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. Eric B. Atalig has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Maria A. Atalig, deceased; and that the Petition will be heard by the Court at the Guma Hustisia in Susupe, Saipan on September 10, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 223 A.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN to all heirs of and persons having claims against the late Maria A. Atalig or her Estate, and to all persons claiming an interest in the Estate, that they shall file such claims with the Clerk of Court within 60 days from the first publication of this Notice. Copies of such claims should also be provided to the Petitioner: Eric B. Atalig, P.O. Box 500321, Saipan, MP 96950. All claims against the late Mrs. Maria A. Atalig or her Estate that are not so filled shall be forever barred.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court
Commonwealth Superior Court

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In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of: **Y.M.T.D. (11/7/2011)** Minor Child, By: Wilbrent Nicky Santos Aguon Jr. Petitioner	**FCD CN CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0301** **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on September 5, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Honorable Kenneth L. Govendo.

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Price outshines Sabathia again in Rays win

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)—David Price outpitched CC Sabathia and the Tampa Bay Rays rallied Saturday night to beat the New York Yankees 4-2 to hang on to first place in the AL East.

Evan Longoria snapped a 2-all tie with a sixth-inning RBI single and added a solo homer in the eighth to help reigning AL Cy Young winner Price (8-5) win his fifth consecutive decision. Price improved to 7-1 since a stint on the disabled list for a left triceps strain.

Sabathia (11-11) took a 2-0 lead into the sixth before giving up three quick runs the Rays used to remain in first place, percentage points ahead of the Boston Red Sox.

Price allowed two runs and five hits over six innings. Jake McGee, Joel Peralta and Fernando Rodney finished up, with Rodney working a perfect ninth to earn his 30th save.

AP

New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez cannot field a first-inning double hit by Tampa Bay Rays' Evan Longoria off pitcher CC Sabathia during a baseball game on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Athletics 2, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Coco Crisp hit a tiebreaking home run leading off the ninth inning and Jarrod Parker earned his eighth straight win as Oakland beat the Orioles.

After Parker and Chris Tillman waged a magnificent pitching duel for eight innings, Crisp connected on a 3-1 pitch from Darren O'Day (5-3). It was the third home run in three games for Crisp, who had four hits on Friday night.

Parker (10-6) gave up one run, five hits and three walks to improve to 8-0 in 16 starts since May 22.

Astros 8, Blue Jays 5

In Houston, Jason Castro homered twice and drove in three runs to lead the Astros over the Blue Jays.

Castro hit a two-run homer in the third inning to push the lead to 5-0, and added a solo shot in the seventh to make it 8-4.

Brandon Barnes gave Houston an early lead with a two-run double in the second inning.

Brad Peacock (3-4) allowed six hits and four runs in 5 2-3 innings for the win.

The Astros jumped on Chien-Ming Wang (1-2) for four hits and five runs in three innings in his first start since July 2 after his contract was selected from Triple-A Buffalo earlier in the day.

Indians 7, Twins 2

In Cleveland, Carlos Santana and Jason Kipnis hit two-run homers, Zach McAllister won his third straight start and the Indians beat the Twins.

The win moved the Indians into third place in the crowded American League wild-card race.

Santana hit a two-run homer in the first. Kipnis, who snapped an 0-for-19 skid with a first-inning single, homered in the third. Both home runs came off starter Liam Hendriks (0-2), who has lost 12 of his 13 career decisions.

McAllister (7-7) allowed two runs in 7 1-3 innings.

Angels 5, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Mike Trout hit his 22nd home run and Jason Vargas allowed one run in 6 1-3 innings and the Angels earned a victory over the Mariners.

The Angels jumped on top early against Mariners starter Erasmo Ramirez (4-1). After a walk to Erick Aybar, Trout homered to give the Angels a 2-0 lead.

Right fielder Endy Chavez limited the early damage by robbing a would-be home run from Hank Conger in the second inning.

Ramirez and Vargas (7-5) traded scoreless innings until Los Angeles managed to extend the lead in the seventh.

Grant Green singled and J.B. Shuck doubled to put two runners in scoring position with one out.

Nationals 7, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Kansas, Jordan Zimmermann rebounded from one of his worst career outings to go 7 2-3 strong innings, Ian Desmond hit his 18th home run, and the Nationals beat the Royals.

Zimmermann (15-7) tied St. Louis' Adam Wainwright for the league lead in wins and sparked the surging Nationals to their fifth straight win, all on the road.

The right-hander, who allowed eight runs in five innings at Chicago last Monday, was charged with two runs and eight hits. He struck out seven and walked just one. After George Kottaras singled with two out in the fourth, Zimmerman retired 11 straight until Emilio Bonifacio walked with one out in the eighth.

The Nationals have won 11 of 15 overall while the Royals have been staggering.

After a 19-5 surge gave fans hope for an end to a 27-year playoff drought, they've lost seven in a row and 10 of 12.

Diamondbacks 12, Phillies 7

In Philadelphia, Adam Eaton hit a go-ahead double in the 18th inning and the Arizona Diamondbacks outlasted the Philadelphia Phillies in a record-setting, marathon game for both clubs.

The teams combined to use 20 pitchers in a contest that ended at 2:12 a.m. and took 7 hours, 6 minutes — setting a mark for length of game for both teams.

The Phillies began the 18th with outfielder Casper Wells (0-1) on the mound. After retiring the first two batters, Wells walked Tony Campana to start Arizona's five-run inning. With Campana running, Eaton lined a double to left-center to put Arizona in front 8-7.

After Wells intentionally walked Paul Goldschmidt, Martin Prado drove in Eaton with a single to right to give the Diamondbacks a two-run advantage. Gerardo Parra broke the game open with a two-run single that spelled the end for Wells, who was replaced by another position player, infielder John McDonald.

Cardinals 6, Braves 2

In St. Louis, rookie Shelby Miller worked seven innings of three-hit ball, Matt Carpenter and Carlos Beltran each homered and St. Louis beat Atlanta for the third straight time.

Freddie Freeman homered for the NL East-leading Braves, who totaled five runs while dropping three in a row for the first time since July 3-5. Julio Teheran (10-7) allowed a season-worst five walks and was charged with four runs.

Miller (12-8) worked more than six innings for the first time in 13 starts since June 1. He struck out six without walking a batter while pitching with no more than a one-run cushion against a fellow 22-year-old right-hander. Center fielder Jon Jay made a leaping catch at the wall to rob Brian McCann of at least extra bases in the seventh.

The Cardinals, who began the night a game back in the NL Central, go for a four-game sweep Sunday with Lance Lynn (13-7) opposing Mike Minor (12-5).

Reds 6, Brewers 3

In Cincinatti, Ryan Ludwick hit his first homer since last October, another indication his swing is coming around, and Zack Cozart had a tiebreaking two-run shot, powering the Reds to a victory over the Brewers.

The Reds had four homers among their 14 hits while evening their series at a game apiece. Cincinnati has won 13 of its last 18 overall, tightening the NL Central race.

Bronson Arroyo (13-9) won his fourth straight start by allowing three runs, including Caleb Gindl's pinch-hit homer leading off the eighth. The right-hander hasn't walked a batter in his last 29 2-3 innings.

Aroldis Chapman pitched the ninth for his 33rd save in 38 chances. The left-hander hit a batter and fanned three with a fastball that repeatedly registered 102 mph.

Ludwick and Cozart connected in the sixth inning off John Axford (6-7), who failed to hold a 2-1 lead. Joey Votto added his 19th homer an inning later off Michael Gonzalez, and Cozart singled for his third RBI.

Marlins 3, Rockies 0

In Miami, rookie Jose Fernandez struck out eight in seven innings, leading the Marlins to a win over the Rockies.

Fernandez (10-5) allowed four hits and did not walk a batter as he lowered his ERA to 2.30. Fernandez has been one of the best pitchers in the Majors since June 1, compiling a 1.52 ERA and 112 strikeouts in 15 starts.

A.J. Ramos pitched the eighth and Steve Cishek earned his 28th save in 30 chances.

Todd Helton had two hits for the Rockies to move into 96th place on the career hit list with 2,496 in 17 seasons, all with Colorado.

The Marlins scored three runs in the fourth off Jeff Manship (0-4).

Giants 6, Pirates 3

In San Francisco, Buster Posey had three hits, Pablo Sandoval drove in two runs and the Giants beat the Pirates.

Tim Lincecum pitched into the sixth inning after two rocky starts for his first win in more than two weeks. The former two-time NL Cy Young winner walked four but struck out eight and pitched out of trouble in back-to-back innings before giving way to the bullpen.

The Giants did most of the damage in the first inning when they batted around and scored four times off Pirates starter Francisco Liriano (14-6).

Tony Sanchez hit his first career home run for Pittsburgh, which dropped into a first-place tie with St. Louis in the NL Central.

Cubs 3, Padres 2

In San Diego, Jeff Samardzija pitched eight impressive innings and Darwin Barney homered and drove in two runs as the Cubs beat the Padres.

In his second straight solid outing, Samardzija (8-11) limited the damage to one run in the eighth inning when the Padres twice loaded the bases and cut the lead to one run.

Samardzija allowed two runs on seven hits. The right-hander struck out seven and walked two.

The light-hitting Barney, who had three hits, connected for a solo shot in the fifth inning and added a go-ahead RBI double in the Cubs' two-run seventh.

Tigers 3, Mets 0

In New York, Max Scherzer outpitched Matt Harvey in their All-Star rematch, striking out 11 and hitting a stunning RBI double that sent the Tigers to a victory over the Mets.

Scherzer (19-1) joined Rube Marquard in 1912 and Roger Clemens in 2001 as the only major league pitchers to win 19 of their first 20 decisions in a season.

Andy Dirks had three hits off Harvey (9-5), who gave up a career-high 13 against Detroit's powerful lineup. He pitched out of trouble to keep the Mets in the game, but they lost for the fifth time in his last six starts.

Missing injured slugger David Wright, the Mets have managed only two runs during a three-game skid. They were outhit 15-3 in this one.

Red Sox 4, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Jon Lester pitched three-hit ball into the eighth inning, Jonny Gomes' three-run homer capped a four-run first, and the Red Sox beat Los Angeles, snapping the Dodgers' four-game winning streak.

The Red Sox began the day percentage points behind Tampa Bay for first in the AL East. They won at Dodger Stadium for the first time in five games dating to their first visit in 2002, when they were swept in three games.

Lester (12-7) gave up one run in 7 1-3 innings, struck out six and walked four.

Koji Uehara got the final four outs to earn his 13th save in 16 chances.

Woodland, Kuchar tied for lead at Barclays

BARCLAYS

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP)—Matt Kuchar and Gary Woodland began their week at The Barclays by going to Citi Field and getting a tour of the clubhouse, where Kuchar noticed an indoor batting cage and asked if they could try it out. He stood behind the net and threw to Woodland, a promising baseball player in high school.

"Gary hit and was really impressive," Kuchar said. "I didn't hit and didn't show anything differently, but Gary was impressive swinging a baseball bat."

Woodland isn't too bad with a golf club in his hands, either.

Playing with Kuchar in the final group, Woodland ran off four straight birdies Saturday afternoon with another powerful display of his athleticism and shot a 3-under 68, giving him a share of the lead with Kuchar going into the final round at Liberty National.

"Man, that guy can play some golf," Kuchar said, knowing that Woodland was within earshot.

Kuchar, who played bogey-free on the back nine in blustery conditions for a 70, remains more polished. He already has two wins this year, at the Match Play Championship and Memorial, and he is a past champion at The Barclays.

For much of the day they were trading birdies—along with a few bad breaks—and wound up tied at 12-under 201.

Kuchar's from off the green on the reachable par-4 16th was stopped by a sprinkler, while Woodland putted his to close range for birdie. Woodland gave back the stroke on the next hole with a drive that plugged into the far end of the bunker, forcing him to blast it out sideways and costing him a bogey.

AP

Gary Woodland holds up his ball after putting on the 15th hole during the third round of The Barclays golf tournament Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, in Jersey City, N.J.

They are close friends and former World Cup partners.

But the final round at Liberty National doesn't belong to only them. Kevin Chappell broke the tournament course record with a 62—10 shots better than the average score on Saturday—and was one shot behind.

"In the wind, if you would have told me someone was going to shoot 62 today, I would probably have laughed at you," Chappell said.

And very much in the mix was Tiger Woods, bad back and all. Woods was just hanging around for so much of the day, gingerly bending over to put his ball on a tee and retrieve it out of the cup. His fortunes turned with two strong shots on the par-5 13th led to birdie, he drove the 16th green for another birdie and finished with a 10-foot birdie putt and a 69. Woods was four shots behind, along with David Lynn, who also had a 69.

"It starts off great every day, and then it progressively deteriorates as the day goes on," Woods said of his lower back, which he hurt from what he said was a soft bed in his hotel room. "Hopefully, tomorrow it will be one of those days again. Fight through it and see if I can win a tournament."

The large group at 7-under 206 included 20-year-old Jordan Spieth, Bubba Watson, Jim Furyk, Justin Rose and Rickie Fowler.

Chappell's round was evidence that even in windy conditions, low scores are available. For the former UCLA Bruin, it was really was simple as making putts, most of them in that 10-foot to 15-foot range. There were a few par saves on the back nine, and six birdies on the front.

"I just really holed all the putts that you kind of expect to hold but you don't always hole," he said.

Kuchar and Woodland will be in the final group for the second straight day, and they certainly aren't strangers.

Kuchar represented the Americans in the World Cup two years ago in China. After scouting the Mission Hills course and seeing it was long, he picked Woodland as his partner. The Americans wound up winning their first World Cup title in over a decade.

Woodland is regarded as one of the best athletes on tour—a promising baseball player in high school who first went to a Division II school to play basketball and then transferred to Kansas to play golf.

But he has disappeared since winning at Innisbrook two years ago, mainly from injuries to both wrists. He began working with Claude Harmon III in the spring, and he hired mental coach Julie Elion right before his season turned around by winning the Reno-Tahoe Open earlier this month.

"I've really let my game take over," Woodland said.

He surged into the lead during a four-hole stretch to close out the back nine—a 5-iron into the par-5 sixth, a sand wedge to 10 feet for birdie on No. 7, a 4-wood for his second shot on the par-5 eighth for birdie, and a 6-iron for a fourth straight birdie on the ninth. Even on the 16th hole, which played 289 yards, Woodland has so much power than he went with a 2-iron and came up just short.

Kuchar caught up by playing bogey-free on the back nine with three birdies, starting with a superb shot on the 10th to 3 feet.

Bills QB Kevin Kolb has concussion-like symptoms

NFL

LANDOVER, Md. (AP)—Buffalo quarterback Kevin Kolb was treated for concussion-like symptoms after getting kneed in the back of the helmet in the Bills' preseason game Saturday against the Washington Redskins.

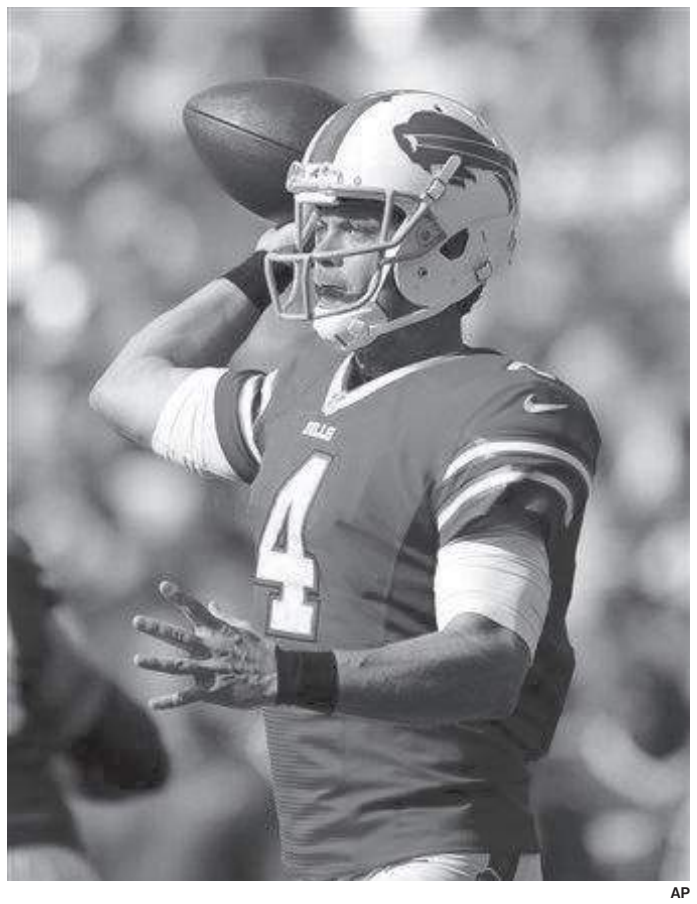
Kolb was hurt at the end of an 8-yard scramble in the first quarter. He remained in the game for four more plays, until the drive ended with a 2-yard touchdown run by C.J. Spiller.

Washington won 30-7.

Kolb has been competing for the starting job with first-round pick EJ Manuel, but Manuel hurt his left knee in the Bills' previous game and is out for the rest of the preseason. Kolb was 2 for 4 for 16 yards and had two runs for 12 yards Saturday when he left the game.

With both Manuel and Kolb hurt, undrafted rookie Jeff Tuel became the only healthy quarterback on the roster. Tuel entered the game on the next series.

Kolb has suffered at least two concussions over six NFL seasons. Selected by the Philadelphia Eagles in the second round of the 2007 draft, he lost the starting job to Michael Vick when he was sidelined by a concussion in the season opener in 2010.



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Buffalo Bills quarterback Kevin Kolb throws to a receiver in the first half of an NFL preseason football game against the Washington Redskins Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, in Landover, Md.

Kolb spent the past two seasons in Arizona, where he failed to secure the starting job because of an assortment of injuries, including a concussion in 2011. He switched to a new helmet the following year, one meant to gives addition protection to the back of his head.

The Bills also had two defensive backs leave with injuries in the first half. Da'Norris Searcy, who started at safety in place of Jairus Byrd, suffered a head injury. Starting cornerback Stephon Gillmore had a wrist injury.

Byrd was on the sideline but did not suit up. The two-time Pro Bowl safety joined the team this week after signing a one-year, $6.9 million franchise player tender, having missed all of the offseason practices and training camp.

NBA BRIEFS

Officer who escorted LeBron to concert disciplined

MIAMI (AP)—The Miami-Dade Police Department says it will discipline the officer who provided a police escort to Miami Heat star LeBron James to the Justin Timberlake/Jay Z concert. In a statement released Thursday, the department says it has chosen to give the officer "informal counseling" after investigating the escort involving the athlete. The statement says no further action will be taken. It does not identify the officer. James posted a video on social media sites before Friday's concert saying he was following a police escort on the wrong side of the street. The video showed the police vehicles with their lights flashing. The department said Monday that officers violated policy by providing the police escort. It wasn't scheduled in advance and all safety precautions appeared to have been taken.

Ty Lawson domestic hearing delayed until September

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP)—An initial hearing in the domestic violence case against Denver Nuggets guard Ty Lawson is being delayed until September. Prosecutors asked for the postponement on Friday to give them more time to investigate. Both Lawson and his pregnant girlfriend Ashley Pettiford were arrested following a fight at their home Saturday. Pettiford said she heard Lawson on the phone with another woman and said Lawson pushed her as she packed her things. She's accused of breaking Lawson's phone. Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson tells KMGH-TV (http://bit.ly/15h1mcY) that the conflict "was a mutual situation." Both were arrested and held over the weekend.

Prosecutors to attack Pistorius' story, character

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Neighbors, an ex-girlfriend, a member of a firearms club and a former soccer player who claims Oscar Pistorius threatened him are all named among the 107 potential state witnesses for the double-amputee Olympian's murder trial.

Preparing to attack Pistorius' story that he didn't know it was girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp in his bathroom when he shot and killed her on Valentine's Day, prosecutors may base their case on the assertion that a loud argument between the couple was heard by neighbors before the killing.

The list of witnesses submitted in the 11-page indictment against Pistorius also suggests that prosecutors will examine whether the world-famous athlete was prone to anger or violence and behaved recklessly with guns, questioning his character.

Here's what those witnesses and the outline of the case against Pistorius may mean when he stands trial on charges of premeditated murder and illegal possession of ammunition in March 2014:

AP

Oscar Pistorius, center, arrives outside the magistrates court in Pretoria, South Africa, Monday, Aug. 19, 2013. Pistorius was indicted on charges of murder and illegal possession of ammunition for the shooting death of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp.

PISTORIUS' OVERALL STORY DISPUTED

Pistorius says he shot through a toilet stall door in his bathroom because he thought a dangerous intruder was in the cubicle. In an affidavit during his bail hearing in —his story—Pistorius said he was terrified and shot to protect himself and Steenkamp, whom he believed was still in the bedroom. Pistorius will have to defend that version at his trial, while from the indictment it appears prosecutors will contend that there was an argument and that Pistorius had no reason to believe there was an intruder in his upscale home in a gated community.

A WOMAN SCREAMING BEFORE GUNSHOTS?

Prosecutors will likely hinge much of their case on witnesses they say heard a woman scream before the sound of gunshots at Pistorius' villa in the pre-dawn hours of Feb. 14. In its timeline, the prosecution said those witnesses "heard a woman scream, followed by moments of silence, then heard gunshots and more screaming."

It contradicts Pistorius, who says that the only shouting was by him, telling the person in the bathroom to get out of his house, and then shouting at Steenkamp, whom he says he believed was in bed, to call the police. In the prosecution's list, 18 witnesses are connected to the Silver Woods Country Estate where Pistorius lived and who may have heard or seen something suggesting a motive.

PROSTHETICS, NO PROSTHETICS?

Another marked difference in the two sides' stories. Prosecutors said at the start of the case that Pistorius took time to put on his prosthetic legs, then "walked 25 meters to the bathroom and shot the deceased whilst she was in the toilet," and therefore committed premeditated murder.

Pistorius maintains he did not have his prosthetics on when he fired and was on his stumps and feeling "extremely vulnerable."

While the prosecution described a possible argument in Monday's indictment, it did not mention the prosthetics. Evidence that proves whether or not Pistorius was wearing his prosthetics will help one side's credibility and badly hurt the other's.

TOILET DOOR AND CELLPHONES

The toilet door and cellphones found at Pistorius' home could hold crucial evidence. Holes in the door may show the trajectory of the bullets and if Pistorius was shooting with his prosthetic legs on and therefore from a higher point than from his stumps. Police forensic and ballistics officers will likely be called as witnesses.

South African news reports have speculated that the couple may have fought because Steenkamp was sending messages to a former boyfriend. He was not on the witness list, but the cellphones may still yield crucial information about the hours before Steenkamp was killed.

INSPIRING OLYMPIAN / MAN WITH ANGER ISSUES

Prosecutors may try to show a dark side to Pistorius, painting him as angry and prone to violence. Mark Batchelor, the former soccer player, has said that a drunken Pistorius once threatened to break his legs in a disagreement, and his testimony might further erode Pistorius' image.

Pistorius' defense submitted statements from a few witnesses for his bail application, with one friend saying that the athlete is "a role model to millions and yet he is still a down-to-earth, humble, approachable and intelligent man."

Which is the real Oscar Pistorius?

PISTORIUS AND GUNS: TRIGGER-HAPPY?

Pistorius' former girlfriend, Samantha Taylor, also could be called by the prosecution amid reports that she was once driving a car when Pistorius fired a gun out of the sunroof. So, too, could people who were at a Johannesburg restaurant when Pistorius reportedly shot another gun accidentally. It was reported that those two incidents would be incorporated into Pistorius' indictment, adding charges of recklessly discharging a firearm in public. They were not, but the incidents could still be brought up at trial.

SAKANO

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dropped his consolation match against U18 player Ben Pechan of Vanuatu, 2-6, 3-6, while Schorr also fell to another U18 netter Banian Ioera of Kiribati in three sets. Schorr stunned his much older foe in the opening set, taking a 6-3 victory before Ioera avoided the upset axe of the CNMI player, winning the last two, 6-3, 7-5.

Meanwhile other members of the CNMI Team—Thea Minor, Mikayla Lopez, Jake Lee, Tommy Choi, Tammy Ackerman, and Chris Cajigan—also completed a separate tournament last Friday. Minor made it as far as the quarterfinals of the U18 Plate of the 2013 Oceania Close Junior Championship (Junior ITF ranking points) after defeating the Solomon Islands' Lorish Puluspene, 6-0, 6-1. Lopez and Ackerman made it to the much lower Consolation Plate with the latter advancing to the semis after winning over New Caledonia's Assya Trimari, 7-6 (5), 6-2, and the former losing to Palau's Ayana Rengiil in the quarterfinals (via walkover). In the boys division, the three CNMI bets were in the quarterfinals of the U18 Plate, but lost their respective games.

ADOBO

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second match, 61-53.

RadioCom buckled down to work in the second half to oust Kamikaze to barge into the semifinals. The opposing teams slugged it out in the first half with only a point separating them at the end of each of the first two quarters before RadioCom managed to make some headway in the third and began controlling the game. Justin Zapanta, Jun Pantaleon, and Sheen Metran teamed up in the third canto assault, scoring 6 points apiece to give RadioCom a 65-58 advantage.

The lead went up to double digits early in the fourth canto, but Kamikaze refused to give up and sliced the deficit to 7, 73-80, after Rodney Sacramento's 3-point play, 2:23 left in the game. Kamikaze then had a chance to move closer when Edwin Santos was fouled, but he missed both shots from the stripe, while Rocyl Ritual sealed the win for RadiCom, making 4 straight points off a layup from Perry Inos' feed and two charities.

Ritual, Zapanta, and Metran all finished in double figures with the latter leading the group with his 15 markers. Zapanta chipped in 14, Ritual added 10, and four other RadioCom players contributed at least 6 points apiece for the team's even offense. In contrast, Kamikaze relied mostly on two players—Marlon De Dios and Sacramento—who fired 20 and 17 points, respectively.

In the second game, Lester Vertudez nailed 22 points to power Adobo to the 8-point win. His baseline jumper in the closing minutes of the game halted Five O's last rally.

Turning a precarious 44-42 lead to a 56-44 bubble, after outgunning Five 0 for five minutes, Adobo's advantage was trimmed to 6, 50-56, when the former launched a short run, 6-0, off Randy Mungcal's back-to-back baskets and Bryle Alegre's drive. Alegre then had an opportunity to bring the lead down to 4 or less when Adobo lost possession at the backcourt, but the Five O forward bungled a close range shot.

Vertudez went on to restore order to Adobo when he canned a short jumper from the right baseline and L.J. Hemley followed it up with another jump shot near the foul line to beat the 24-second shot clock. Five O kept fighting and brought the deficit down to single digit anew, 60-53, off Melvin Cadiang's three free throws, with 1:05 left on the clock. However, another muffed shot from Jaymark De Guzman, who also went 0-for-2 from the foul line in the ensuing play, and J.R. Barrios' missed triple pushed Five O to the exit door.

Meanwhile, Mawati, Sister Market, Fong's Fliptop, and Maplas battle for the last two Final Four slots today.

First Game

RadioCom 86 – Metran 15, Zapanta 14, Ritual 10, Inos 9, Standish 8, Pantaleon 8, Ong 6, Salas 4.

Kamikaze 75 – De Dios 20, Sacramento 17, Rivera 10, Santos 7, Lagmay 6, Sacramento 6, Achas 5.

Scoring by quarters: 19-20, 41-42, 65-58, 86-75.

Second Game

Adobo 61 – Vertudez 22, Palacios 10, Deleon Guerrero 9, Saturno 6, Francisco 6, Hemley 4, Dela Cruz 4.

Five O 53 – Cadiang 19, Alegre 10, Mungcal 9, De Guzman 8, Villanueva 3, David 1.

Scoring by quarters: 8-5, 23-21, 40-35, 61-53.

PADRES

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The Braves and Padres played in the first game and the match remained tied after five complete innings with the former getting two runs in the second inning and adding one in the fifth. The Padres made it to the board in the first inning off Khobby Kaipat's RBI single and got one more RBI single from Kainoa Wanket and an unearned run in the second before going cold in the next three innings.

The Padres went on to break their silence in the sixth inning with Regis leading off, walking to first, stealing second, and advancing to third off a wild pitch before Tenorio brought him home. Tenorio made it all the way to third with only one out, but was left stranded after the Braves got the two outs to end the inning.

The Braves failed to score at the bottom of the sixth, as Jared Sablan took over the mound and struck out two batters. Sablan got another strike to start the bottom of the seventh and last inning and moved out one way from closing the match with a 1-3 putout play. Third batter A.J. Evangelista then walked to keep the Braves in the game, but was later beaten to second base for the third and final out.

Pirates 5, Yankees 4

Also gaining a close win last Wednesday were the Pirates (2-0).

The Pirates took a 5-2 run, going into the last inning where they stopped a Yankees rally to take their second win. T.J. Sablan blasted a two-run double in the third inning, Jun Rabauliman had a one-run double, and the two runs came off the Yankees' error.

The Yankeess got their first two runs off Brandon Dela Cruz and Greg Iskawa's RBI singles and were pressed to score at least three runs at the bottom of the seventh to force an extra inning. The Yankees then were one out away from absorbing another loss, as Albert Camacho was struck out and Andrew Salas was beaten to first before they drew an RBI double from M.J. Sakisat and an unearned run. Roke Tenorio was next at bat and doubled, but missed sending the game in the eighth inning, as he was beaten to third.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	74	53	.583	—
Boston	76	55	.580	—
Baltimore	69	59	.539	5 1/2
New York	68	61	.527	7
Toronto	57	73	.438	18 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	76	53	.589	—
Cleveland	70	59	.543	6
Kansas City	64	64	.500	11 1/2
Minnesota	57	71	.445	18 1/2
Chicago	53	75	.414	22 1/2

West Division

Texas	75	54	.581	—
Oakland	72	56	.563	2 1/2
Seattle	59	69	.461	15 1/2
Los Angeles	57	71	.445	17 1/2
Houston	43	85	.336	31 ½

NATIONA LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	77	52	.597	—
Washington	65	64	.504	12
New York	58	69	.457	18
Philadelphia	58	71	.450	19
Miami	49	79	.383	27 1/2

Central Division

Pittsburgh	76	53	.589	—
St. Louis	76	53	.589	—
Cincinnati	74	56	.569	2 1/2
Milwaukee	56	73	.434	20
Chicago	55	74	.426	21

West Division

Los Angeles	76	53	.589	—
Arizona	66	62	.516	9 1/2
Colorado	60	71	.458	17
San Diego	58	71	.450	18
San Francisco	57	72	.442	19

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Weekend Sports

Mobil's three-peat tops headline

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Mobil posted the biggest win in last week's competitions after ruling the Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Mobil defeated Mariana Resort in the finals, 94-85, to notch its third straight championship in the league.

Also keeping their winning ways were the CNMI Junior Tennis Team, which bagged one gold medal and five silvers in the doubles event of the 2013 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships and one more gold in the 2013 ITF Oceania Plate. The pair of Carol Lee and Tania Tan won in the doubles of the POJC, while Amami Sakano took the singles crown in the Oceania Plate. Other members of the squad were Mikayla Lopez, Thea Minor, Tommy Choi, Jake Lee, Moris Villanueva, Tammy Ackerman, Negahr Rastguiy, Michael Ren, and Robbie Schorr.

In other events, the Philippine Bowling Association recognized top individuals and teams for the 2012-2013 season during an awards ceremony at the Saipan Bowling Center, while on-going leagues on Saipan continued last week.

PBA awarded trophies and cash prizes to PIN.net, One Shot, and D'Unknown, the Top 3 finishes in the association's Saturday Night Bowling League. PBA also handed awards to winners in the classified tournament and to PBA Bowler of the Year Rust Musca.

In basketball, DL Corp. caging stared its playoff round with RadioCom and Adobo getting the first two semis berth and four more teams (Maplas, Mawati, Fong's Fliptop, and Sister Market) battling for the last two Final Four seats.

Still in basketball the Rotary league continued with its U19 and U15 games. The S.J. Ol'Aces remained on top of the U19 division with its 3-0 record, while KFC and DYS were tied (2-0 marks) pending results of last Saturday's matches.

In badminton, the 2013 Shirley's Badminton Classic, preliminary games were played with the favored players likely to make to the playoffs.

In baseball, the 2nd Annual Triple A Youth Baseball League resumed last Friday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield with the Giants and the Braves posting separate wins.

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A participant in the 2013 Shirley's Badminton Classic chases the shuttlecock down the sideline during a doubles game at the TSL Sports Complex.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Most improved players Raymond Zapanta and Gloria Omechelang pose with their medals and cash prizes during the awards ceremony for the PBA/Budweiser Saturday Night League last week at the Saipan Bowling Center.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Adobo's Lester Vertudez goes up for an easy shot during their playoff game against Five O Restaurant in the DL Corp. caging last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Monthly winners in the Philippine Bowling Association/Budweiser tournament pose with their trophies during the awards ceremony at the Saipan Bowling Center last week.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The female players of the CNMI Team pose for a photo during the closing ceremony for the 2013 ITF Oceania Plate Tournament in Fiji last weekend.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Mobil's Freddie Pelisamen pulls up for a jumper against Mariana Resort's Rolly Paraiso during their title game in the Emon Lodge caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The S.J. Ol'Aces' Daniel Camacho shoots over Ol'Aces defenders during a U19 game in the Rotary caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The four CNMI male players pose with a fellow Pacific netter, center, while waiting for the start of the closing ceremony for the 2013 ITF Oceania Plate Tournament in Fiji.

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Sakano rules last tourney in Fiji

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CNMI Junior Tennis Team headed home with one more gold medal on its bag, after Amami Sakano topped the boys seniors singles division of the 2013 ITF Oceania Plate last Friday in Fiji.

Sakano, who was scheduled to leave Fiji early Monday morning with his 10 other teammates and coach Jeff Race, gave the Commonwealth its last gold medal after outlasting Tahiti's Manoa Desvignes in the finals. Sakano dropped the closely fought first set, 6-7 (5), but stole the win in the title match after sweeping the last two sets, 7-5, 6-4. The 17-year-old's gold added to the two gold and eight silver, and two bronze medals the CNMI collected from the 2013 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships earlier this month.

Moris Villanueva also played in the boys seniors singles and left Fiji with a win after downing the host's Krishan Raju, 6-2, 6-0. Villanueva finished eighth out of the 12 players entered in his group.

In the girls division, Negahr Rastguiy finished second after losing her title game against Tonga's Sisilia Laumanu Teu, 2-6, 4-6. Joining Rastguiy and Teu in the Top 3 was the CNMI's Carol Lee, who prevailed over the Solomon Islands' Georjimah Row, 6-2, 6-2, in the battle for the bronze medal.

In other results, U12's Michael Ren and Robbie Schorr finished at No. 5 and No. 8 in the boys juniors singles, respectively. Ren

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Amami Sakano, seen here serving to his foe in a local tournament last year, won in the 2013 ITF Oceania Plate in Fiji last week.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Padres nose out Braves, 4-3

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The Padres notched their second win in as many games in the 2nd Annual Triple A Youth Baseball after edging the Braves, 4-3, last Wednesday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Patrick Tenorio delivered the winning hit, as his single at the top of the sixth inning drove Leeroy Regis home and the Padres sealed the victory after getting three strikeouts in the last two innings.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Padres' Kainoa Wanket catches the ball during the warm-up before their game against Yankees in the 2nd Annual Triple A Youth Baseball early this month at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Adodo, RadioCom make Final Four

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Adobo and RadioCom bagged the first two semis berths in the 2013 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball after eliminating separate foes at the resumption of the playoff round last Friday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

RadioCom resumed action in the DL Corp. caging playoffs, which was cancelled last Wednesday due to rain, and outclassed Kamikaze in the first game, 86-75, while Adobo defeated Five O Restaurant in the

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Adobo's Ralph Francisco drives against Five O Restaurant's Bryle Alegre during the fourth quarter of their playoff game in the DL Corp. caging last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.